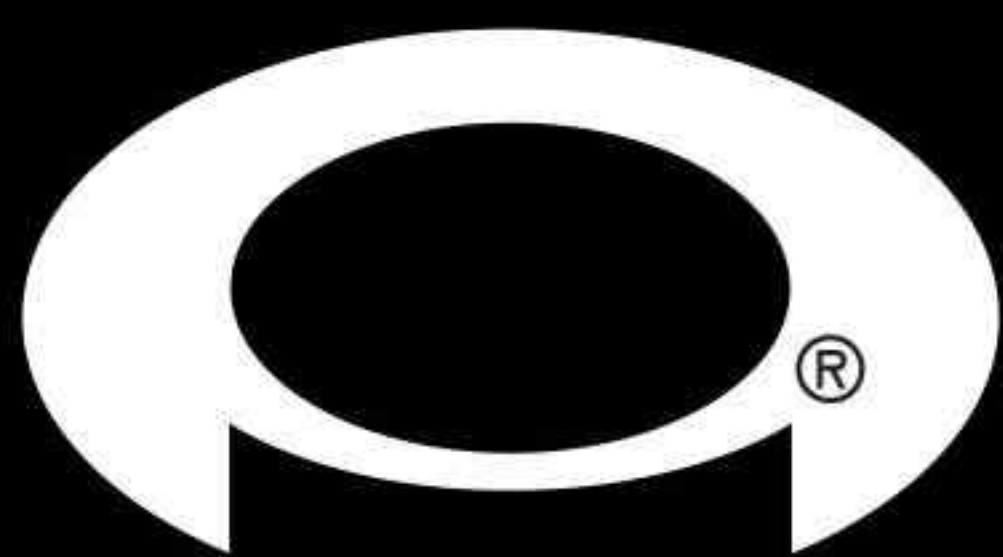




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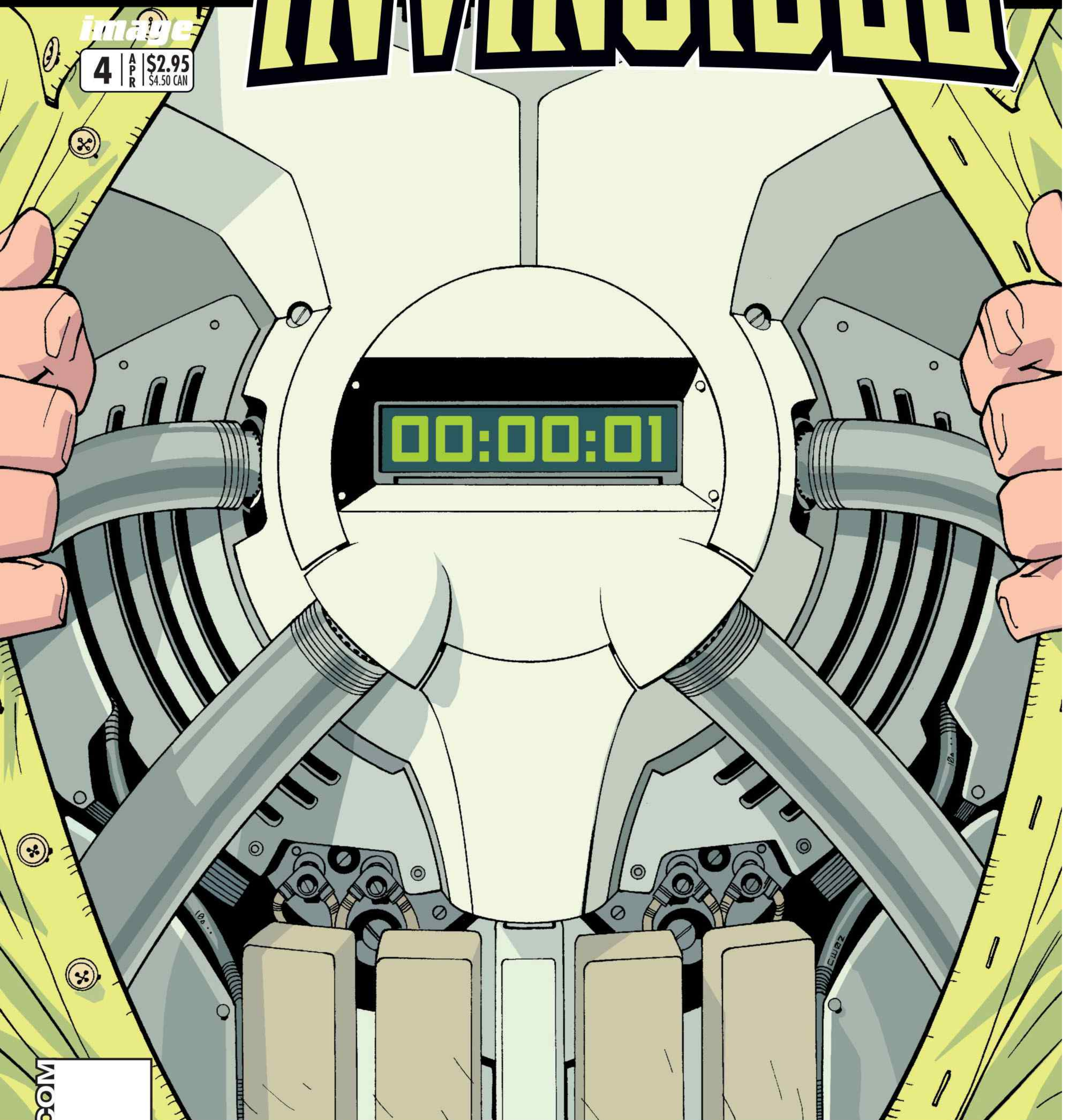
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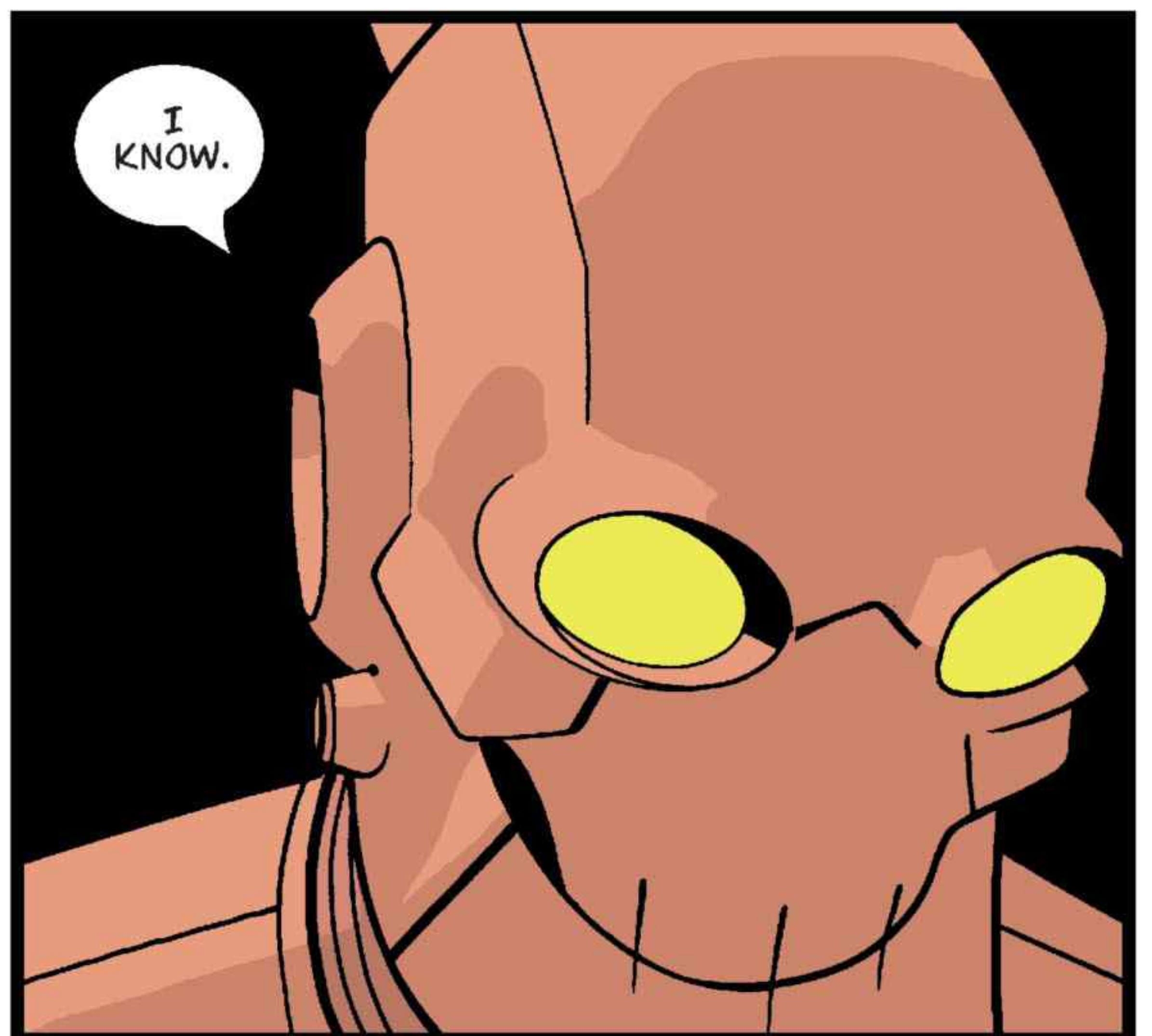
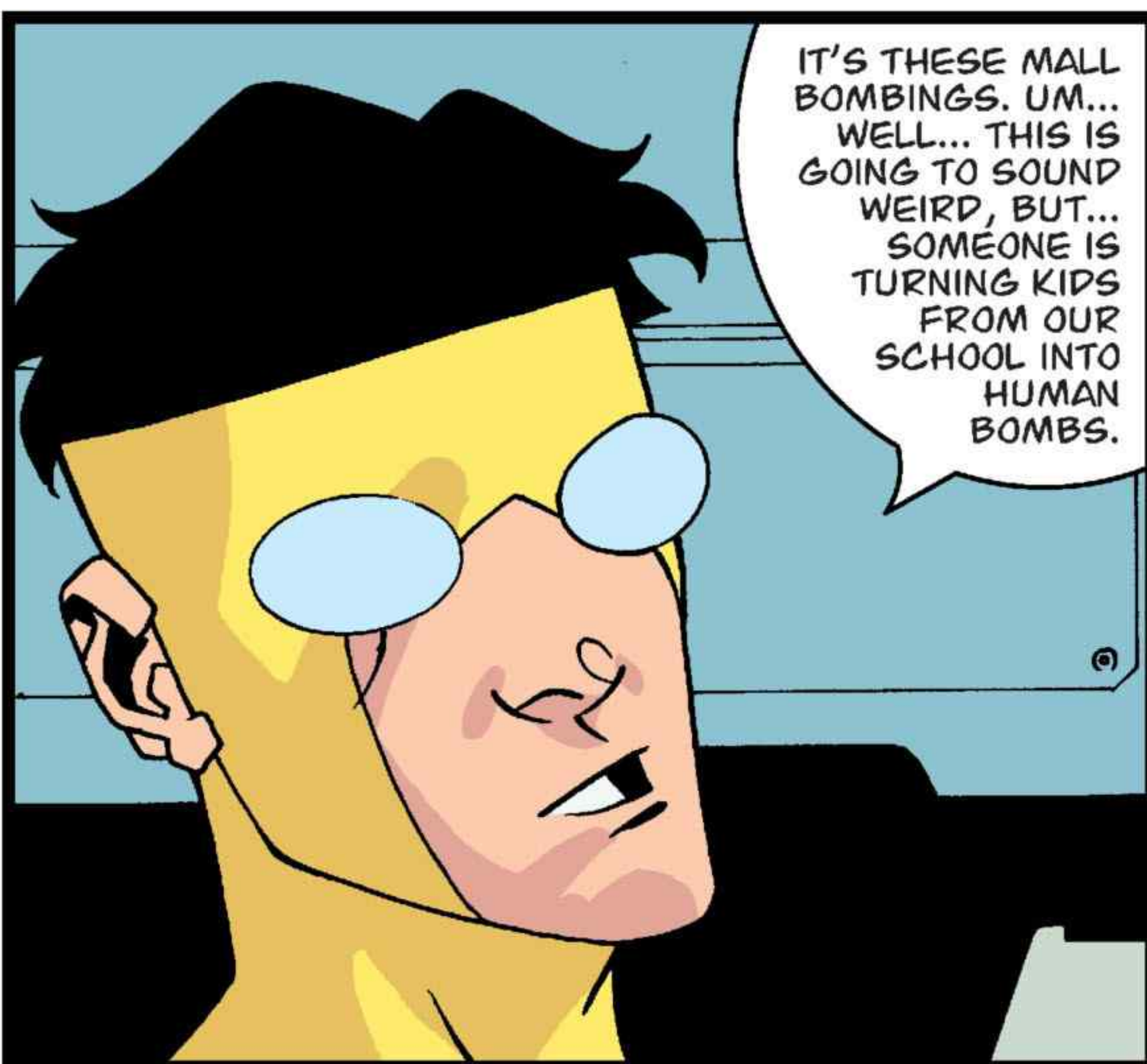
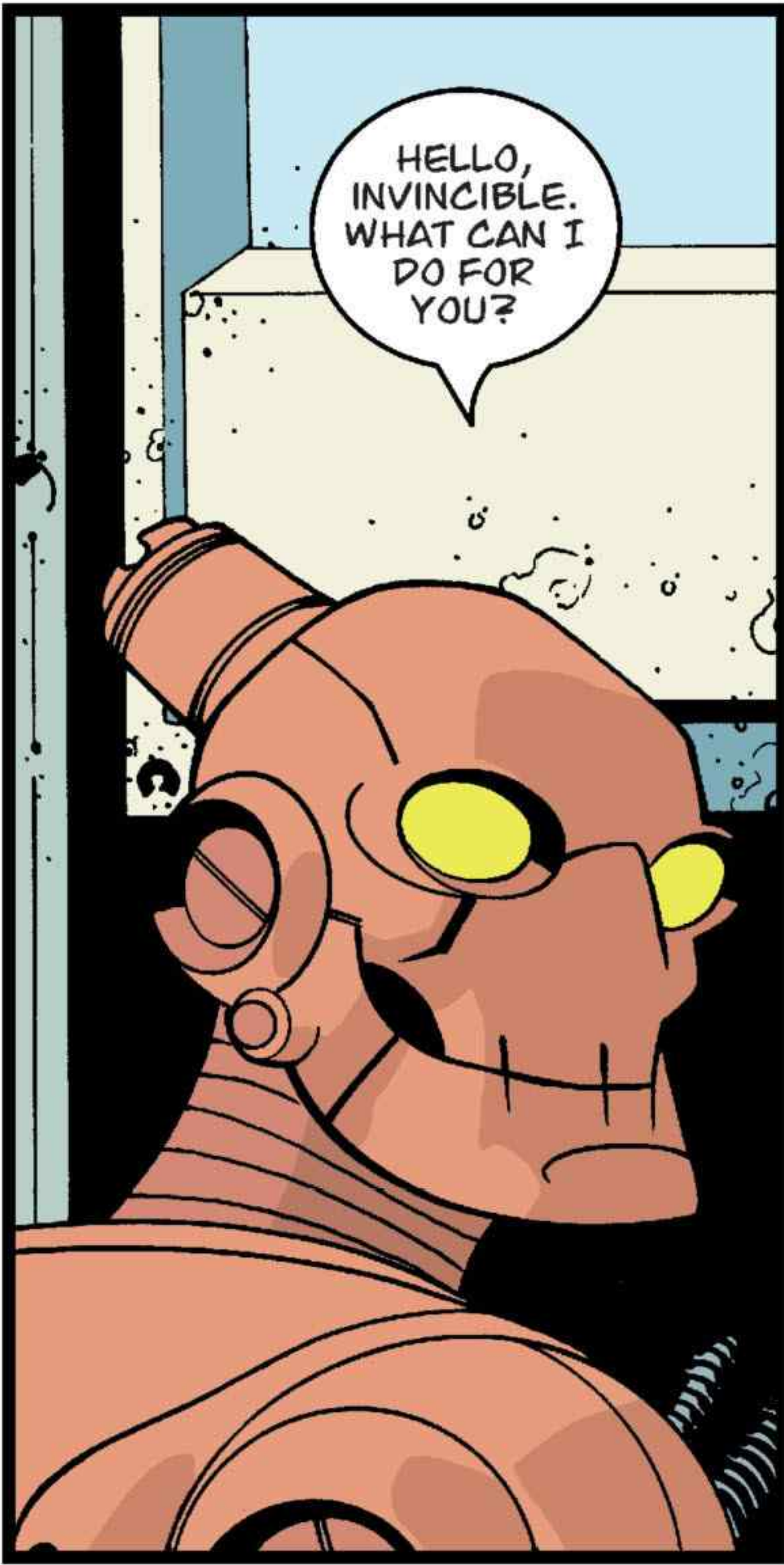
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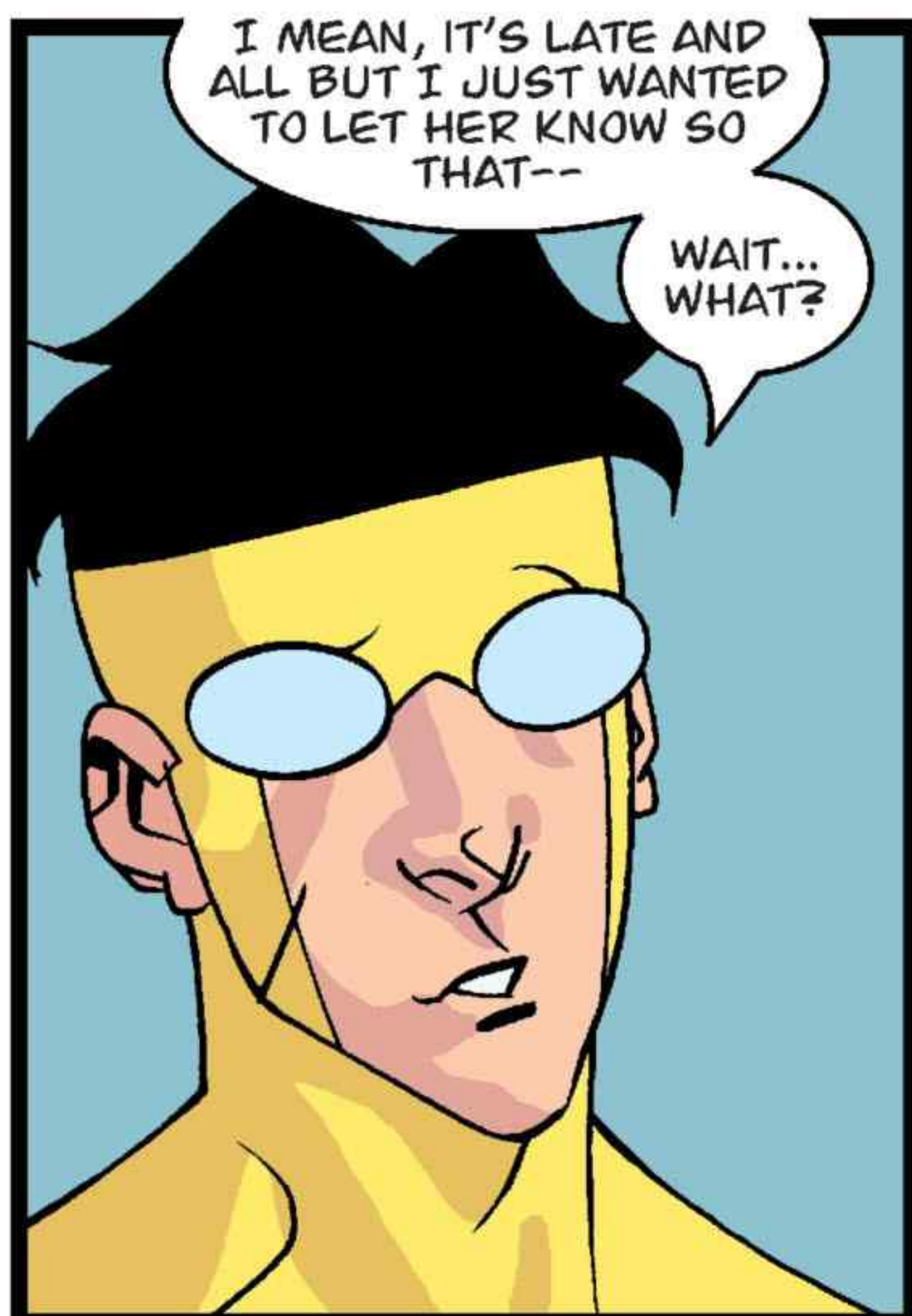
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IT COULD OPERATE
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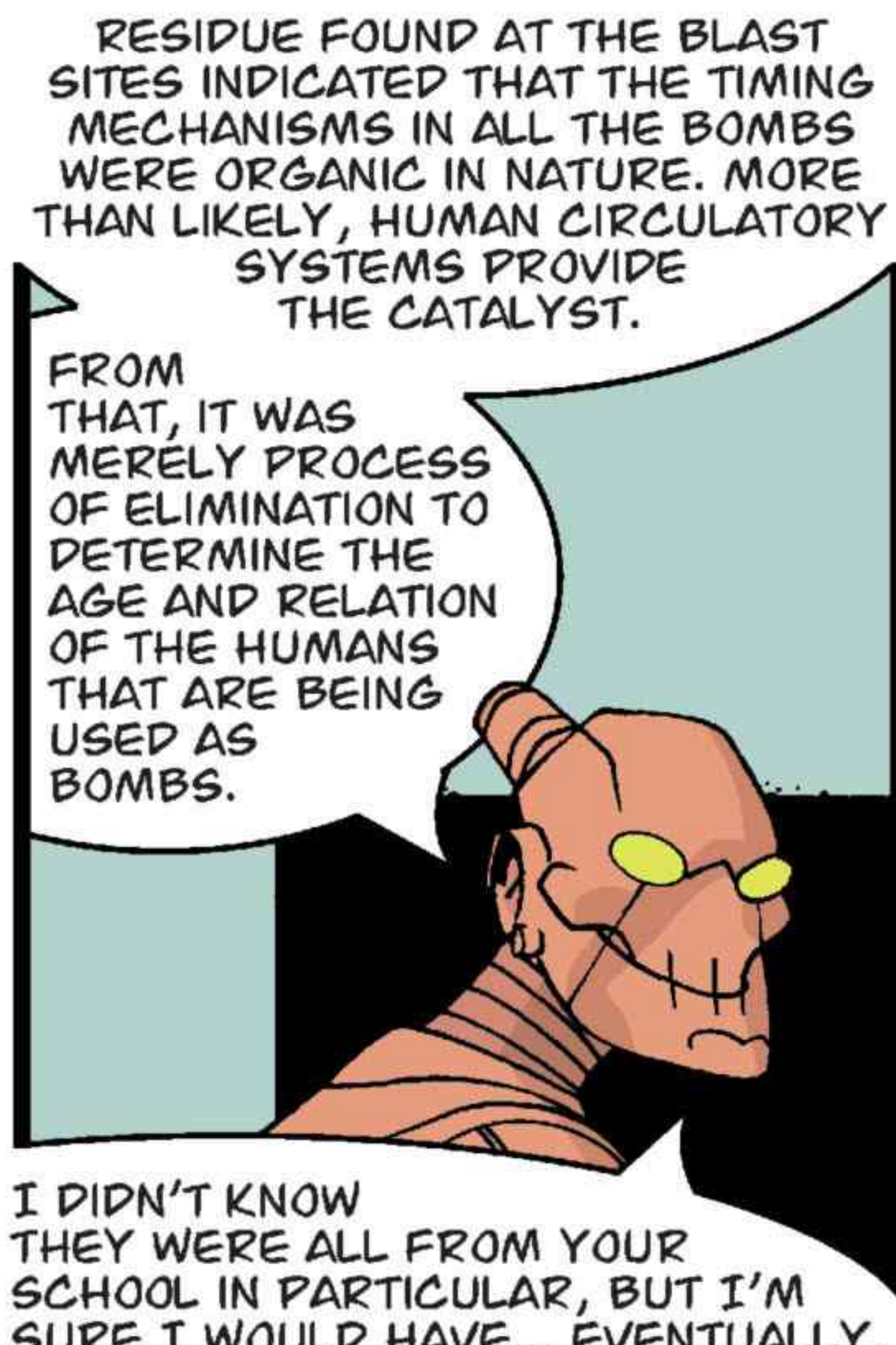
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I MEAN, IT'S LATE AND ALL BUT I JUST WANTED TO LET HER KNOW SO THAT--

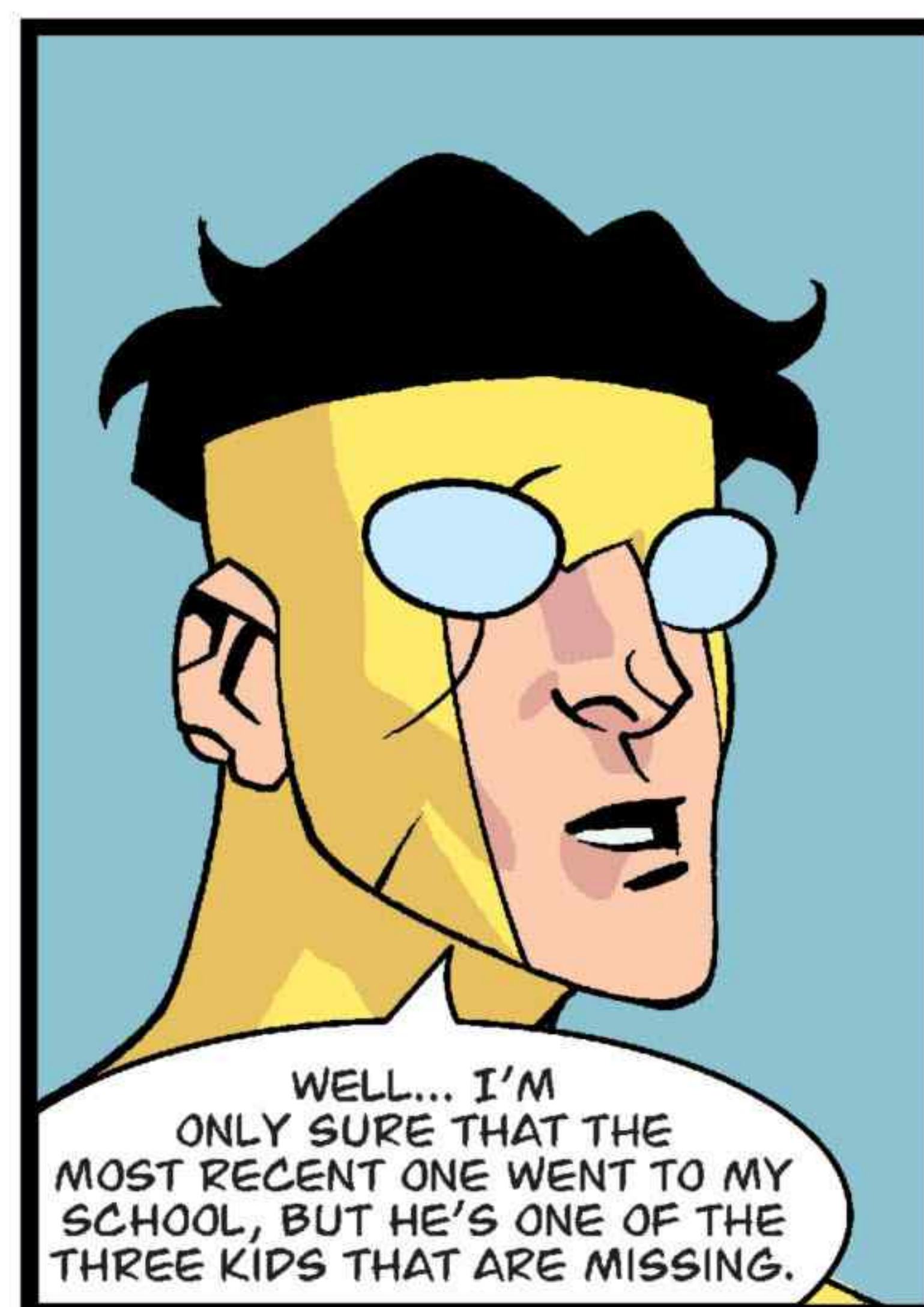
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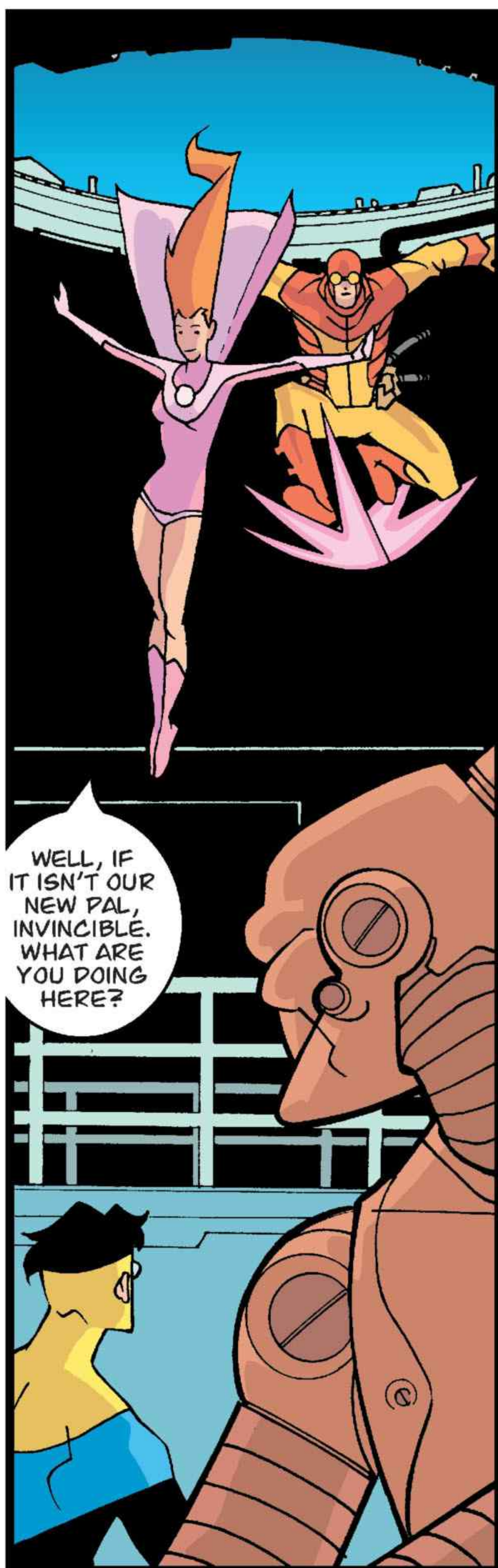
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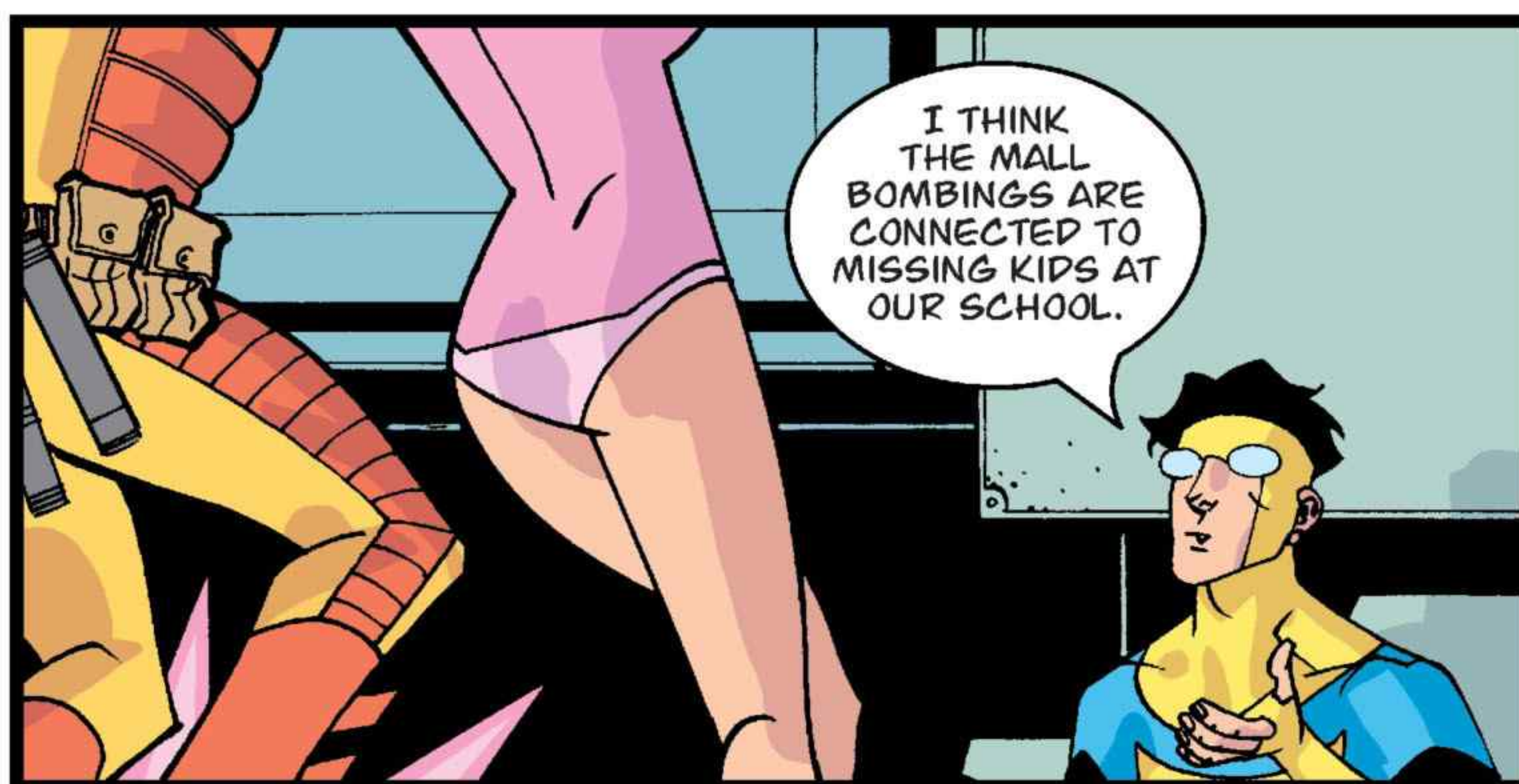
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE ALL FROM YOUR SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR, BUT I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE... EVENTUALLY.



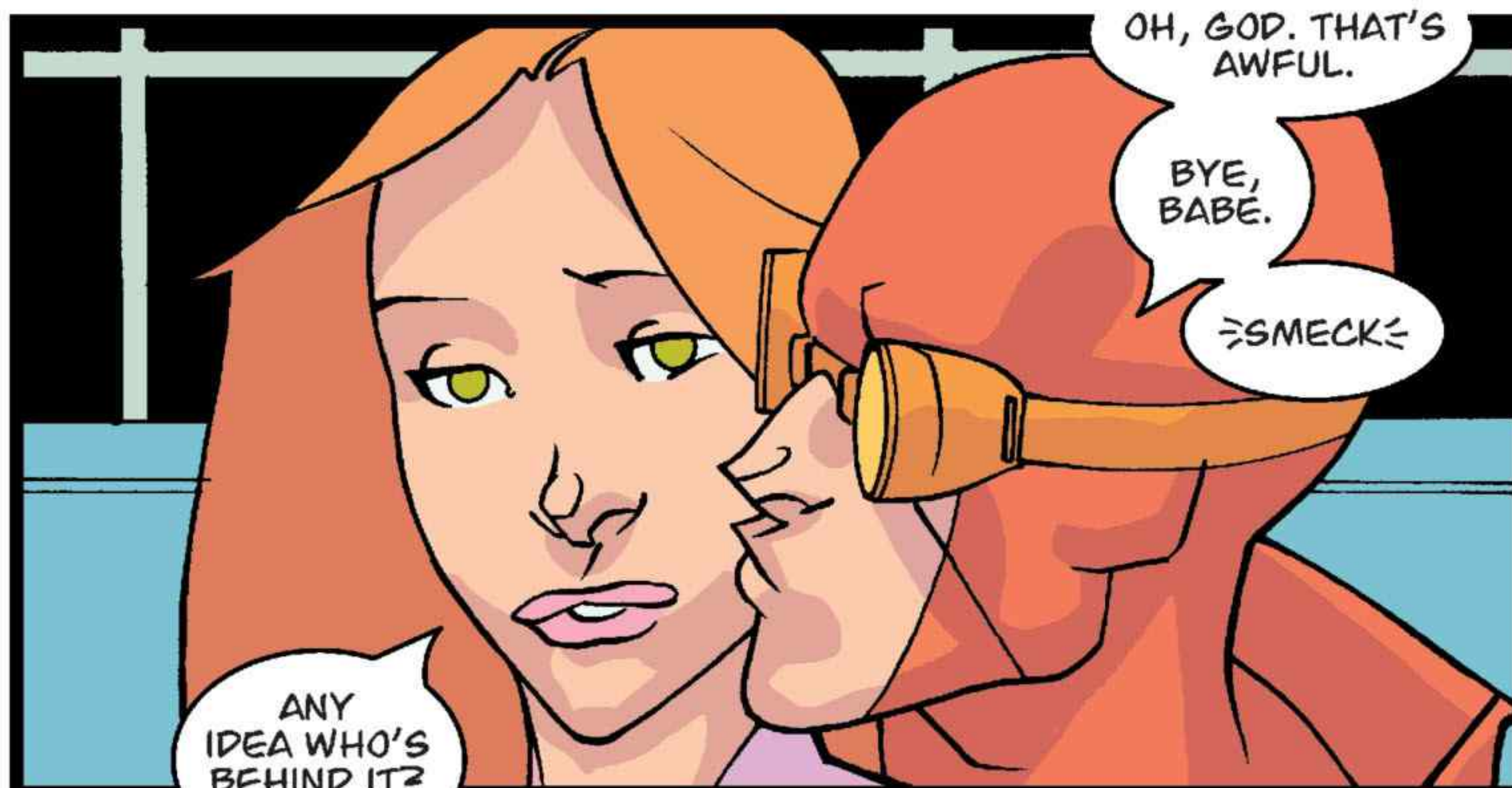
WELL... I'M ONLY SURE THAT THE MOST RECENT ONE WENT TO MY SCHOOL, BUT HE'S ONE OF THE THREE KIDS THAT ARE MISSING.



WELL, IF IT ISN'T OUR NEW PAL, INVINCIBLE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



I THINK THE MALL BOMBINGS ARE CONNECTED TO MISSING KIDS AT OUR SCHOOL.

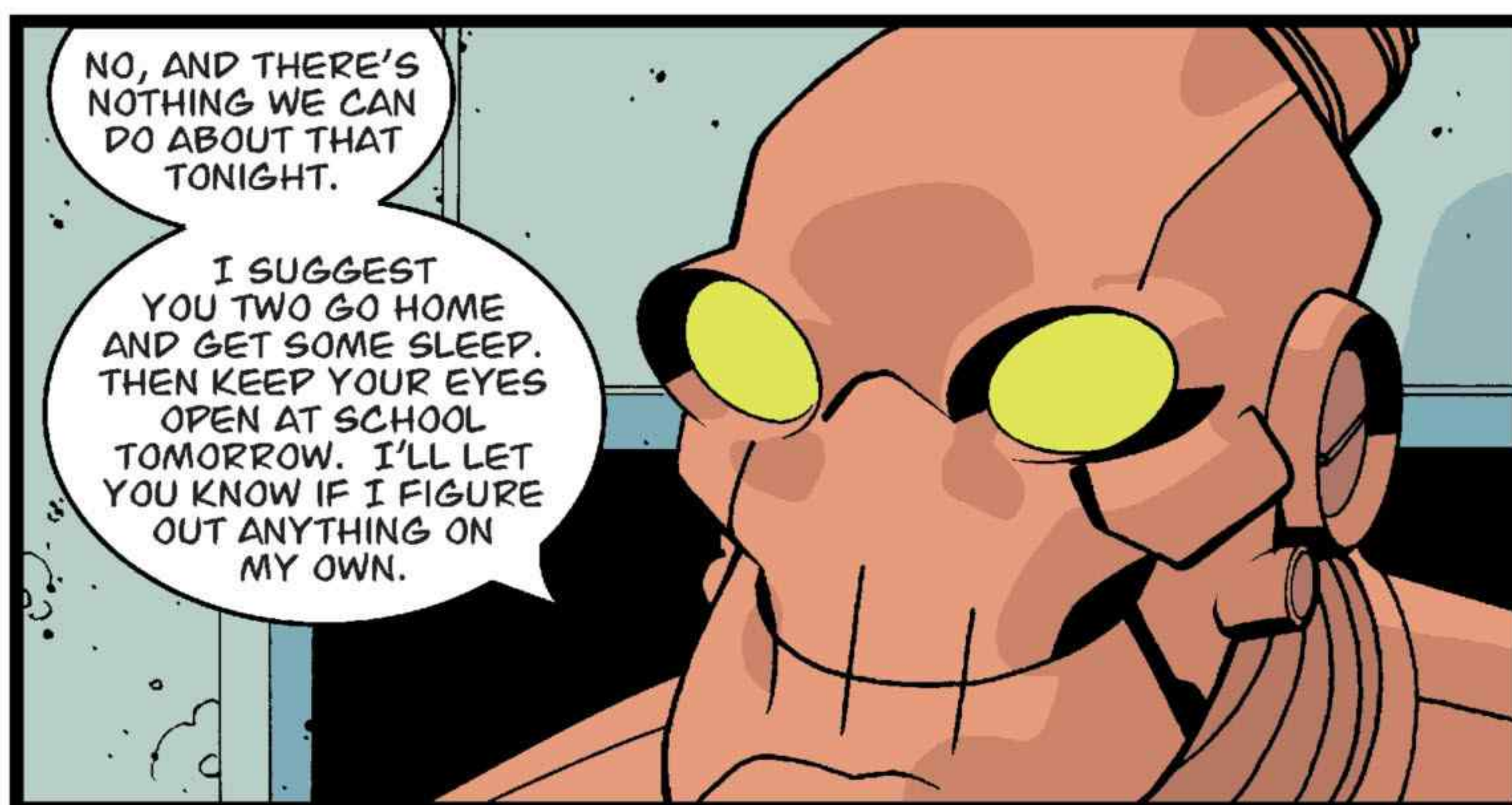


OH, GOD. THAT'S AWFUL.

BYE, BABE.

≡SMECK≡

ANY IDEA WHO'S BEHIND IT?



NO, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT TONIGHT.

I SUGGEST YOU TWO GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP. THEN KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AT SCHOOL TOMORROW. I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I FIGURE OUT ANYTHING ON MY OWN.



MOM?

WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING UP?

AREN'T I ALLOWED TO WATCH SOME LATE NIGHT TV IN MY OWN HOUSE? BESIDES, I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THE SAME QUESTION, YOUNG MAN.



WHEN YOU LEFT AFTER DINNER YOU SAID YOU'D ONLY BE A FEW MINUTES. JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE WEARING TIGHTS DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE A CURFEW.

I GUESS I JUST GOT TIED UP AT THE TEEN TEAM'S PLACE...



UM...

YOU'RE NOT WORRYING ABOUT DAD, ARE YOU?

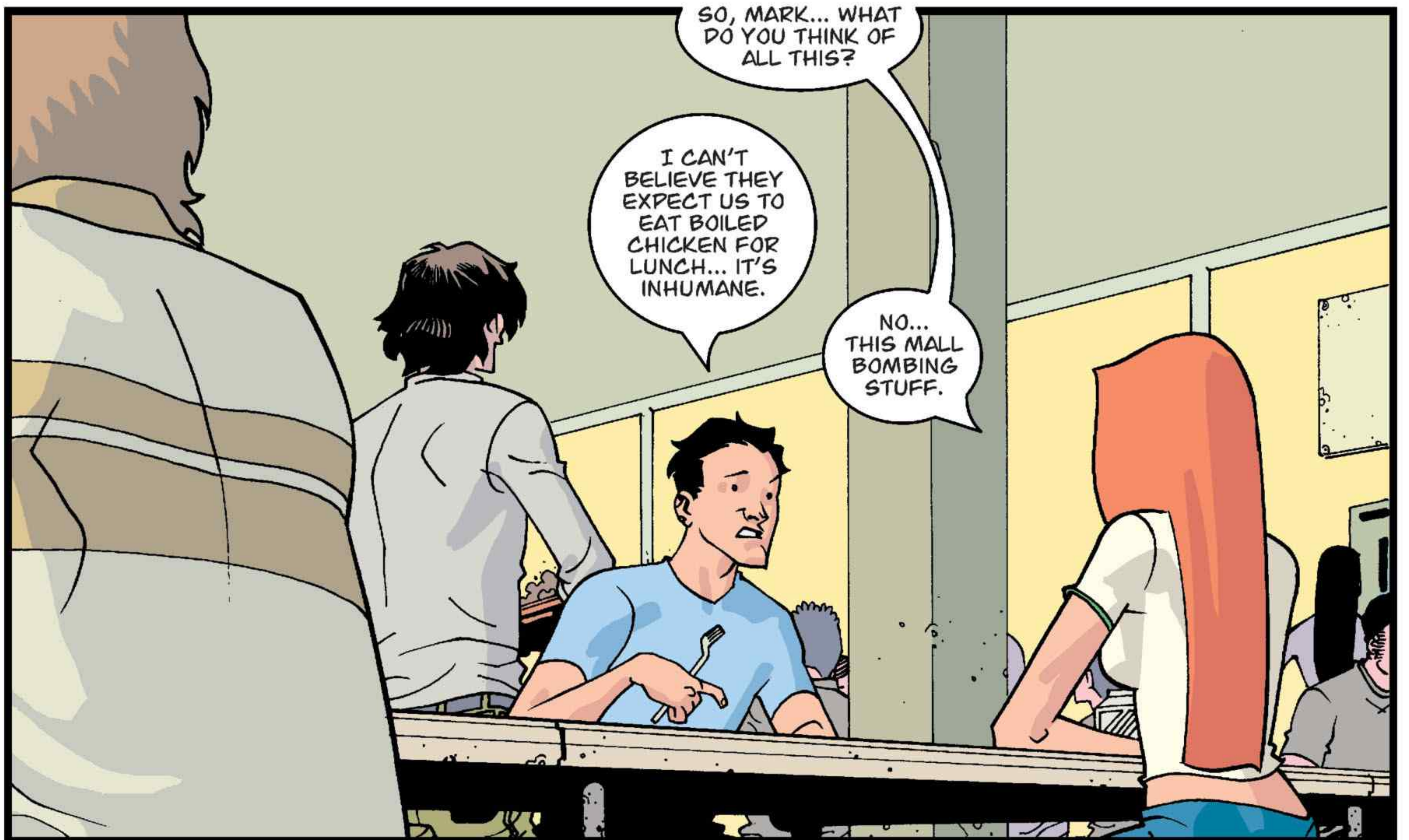
I CAN SIT HERE AND WATCH HIM BATTLE HUNDRED-FOOT DRAGONS ON TV ALL DAY LONG, BUT FOR SOME REASON... EVERY TIME HE'S IN ANOTHER DIMENSION... I CAN'T HELP BUT ASSUME THE WORST.



I JUST NEVER KNOW WHAT TO THINK... THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING HOW LONG HE'LL BE GONE. DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE... AND HE WAS GONE FOR ALMOST SIX MONTHS? HE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY THAT YEAR.



IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, MOM. DON'T WORRY ABOUT DAD. HE'LL BE BACK...

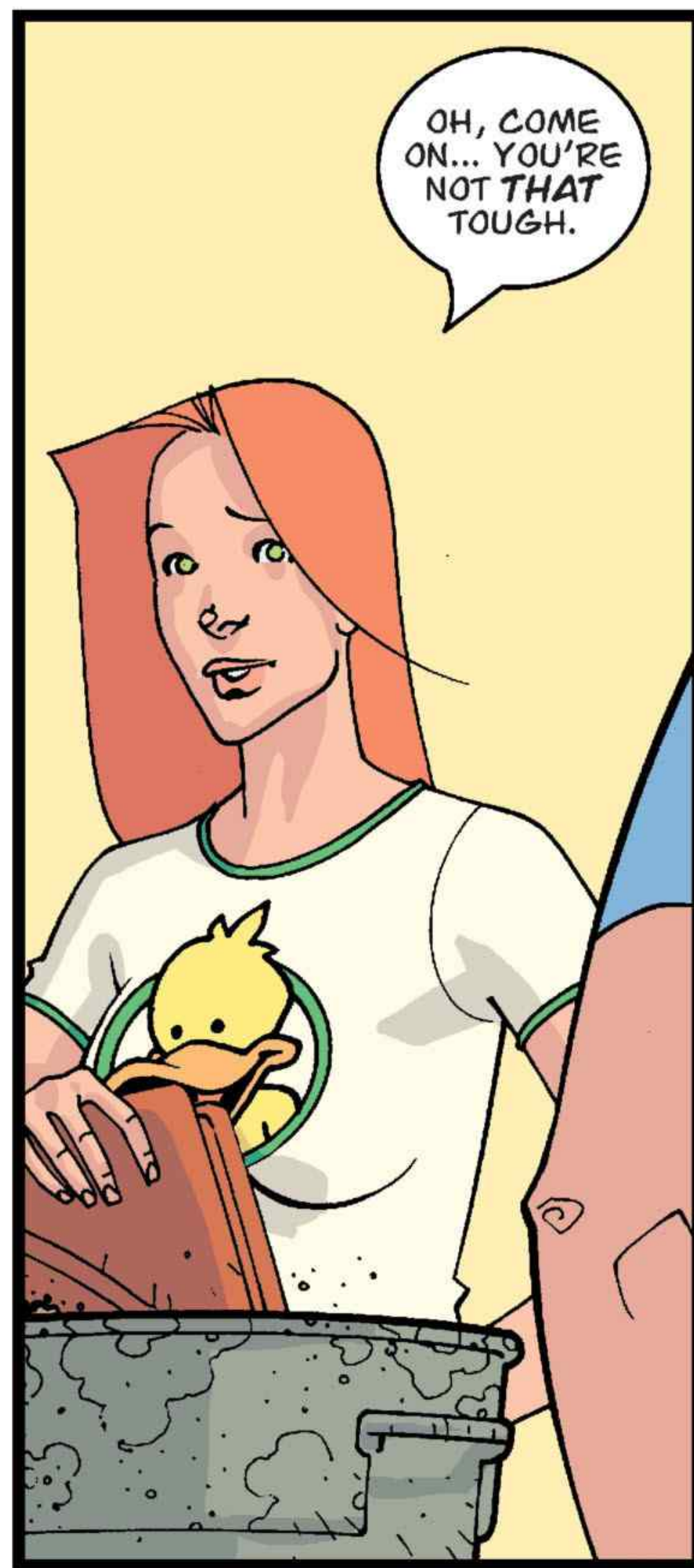




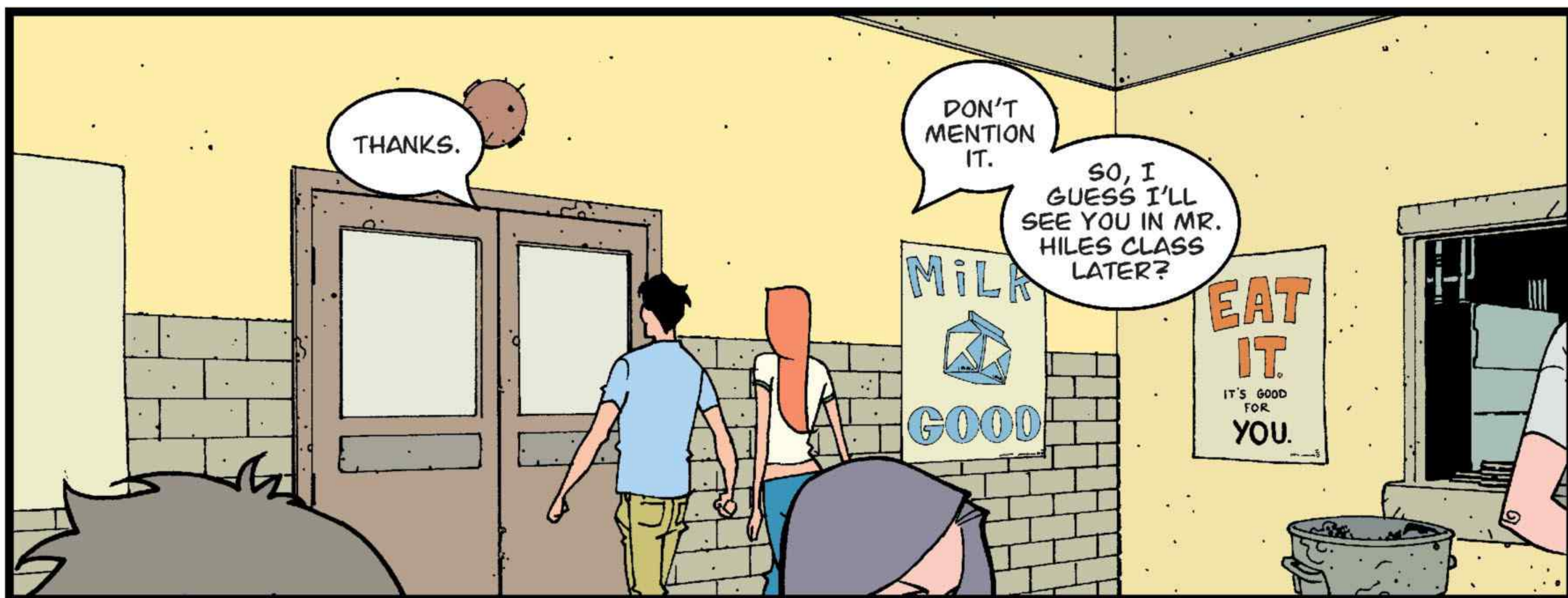
I HEAR YOU. THE FIGHTING PART IS SO MUCH EASIER THAN THE THINKING PART.



TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE ONLY PART I'M ACTUALLY QUALIFIED FOR.



OH, COME ON... YOU'RE NOT THAT TOUGH.



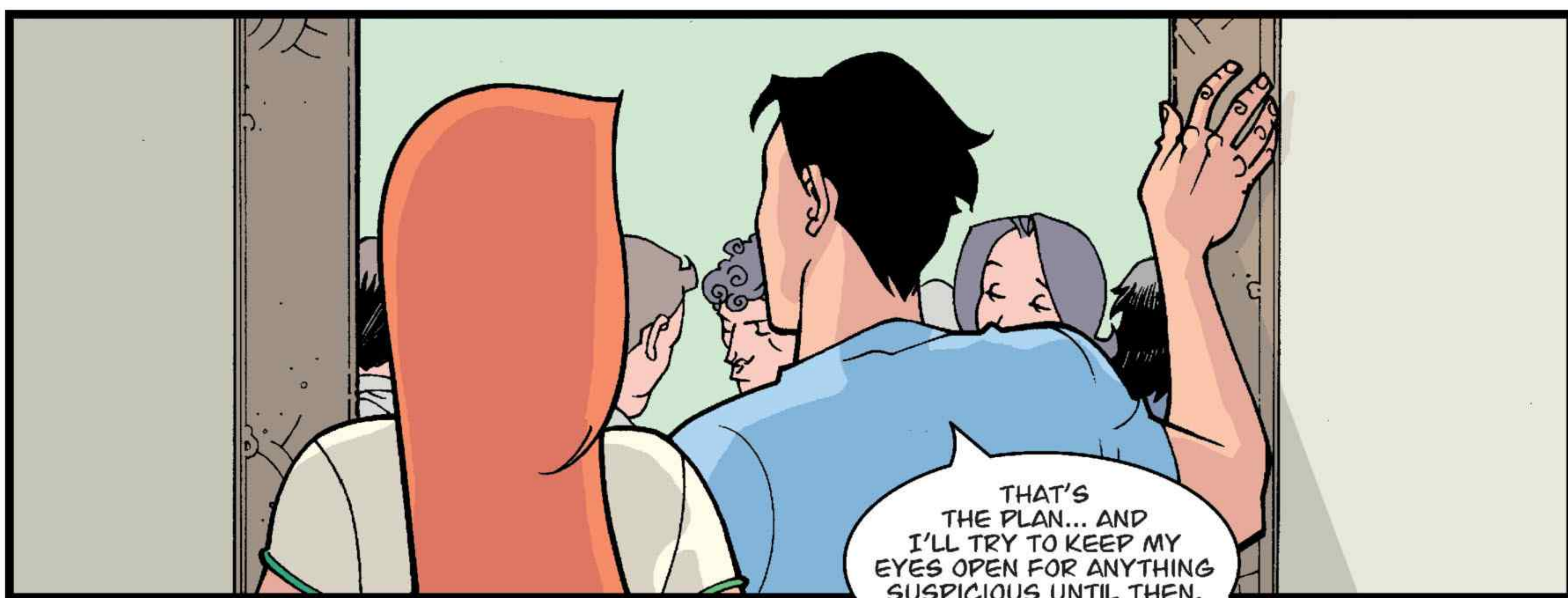
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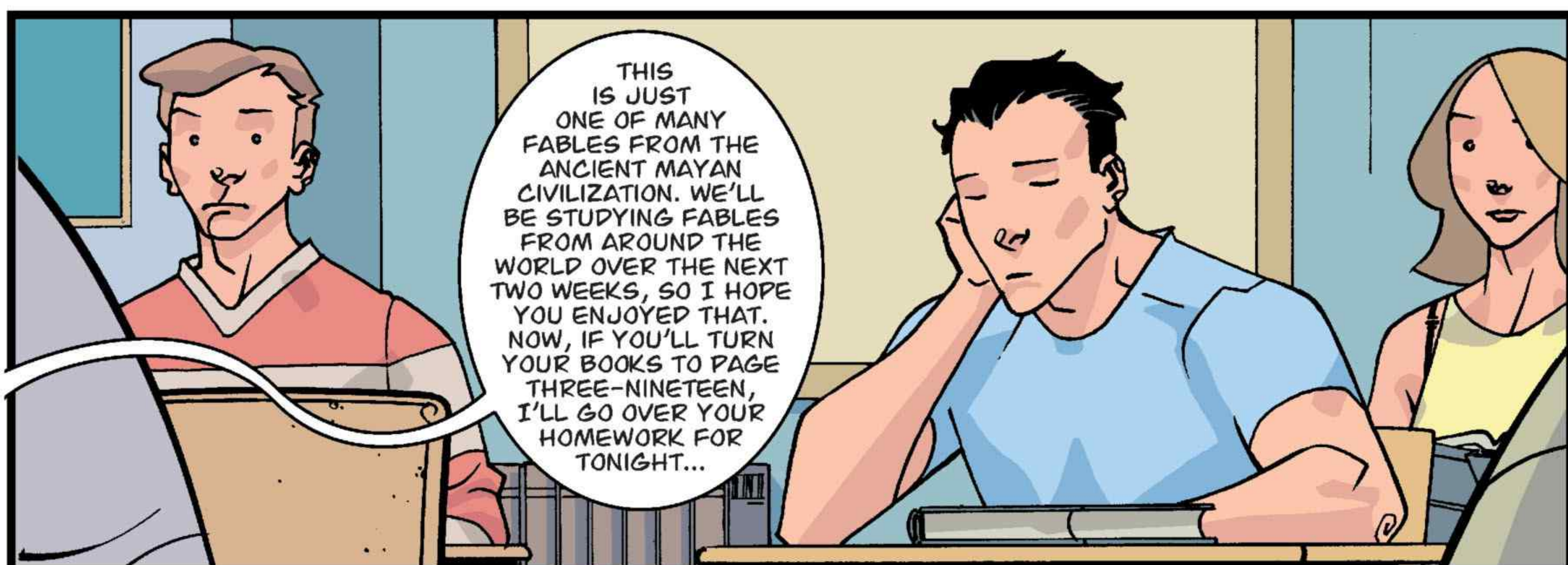
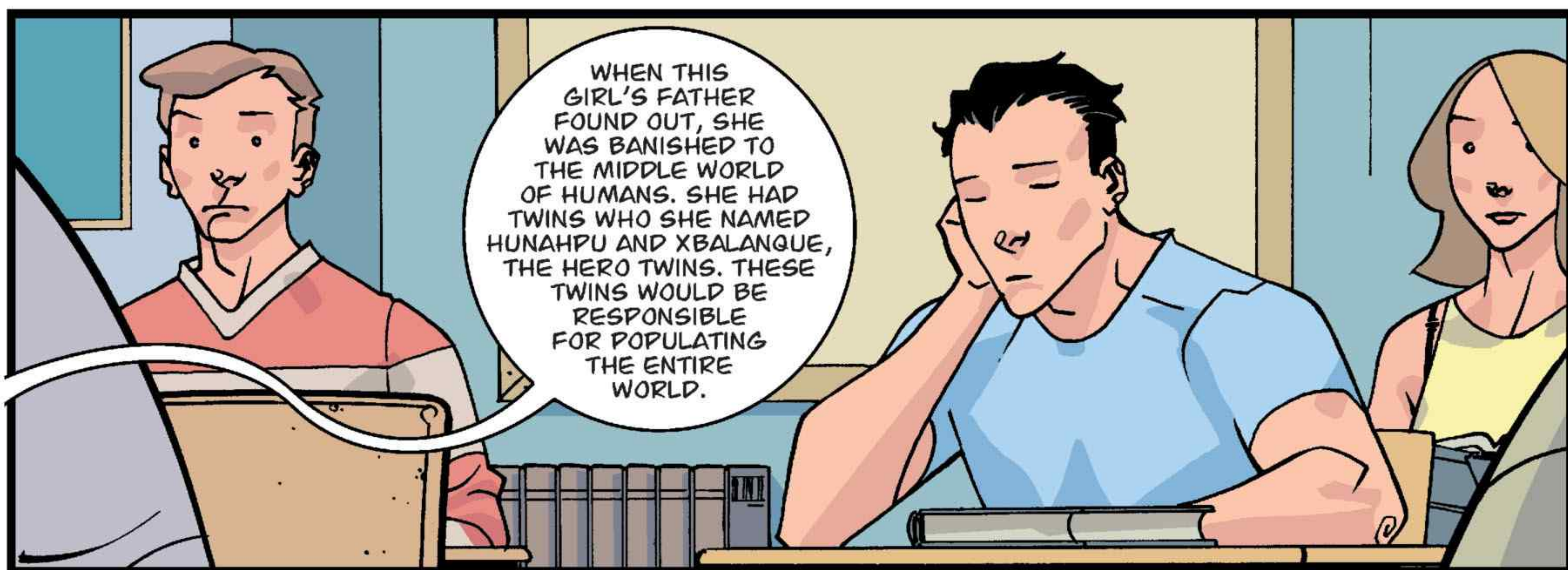
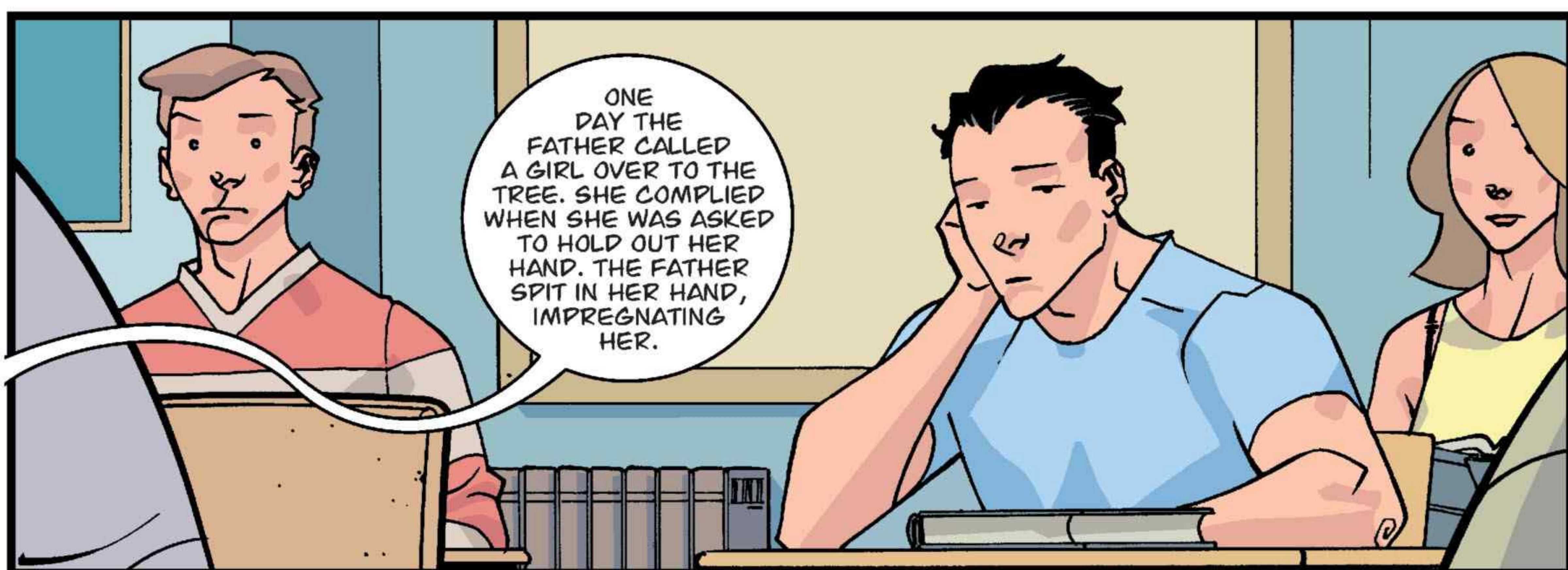
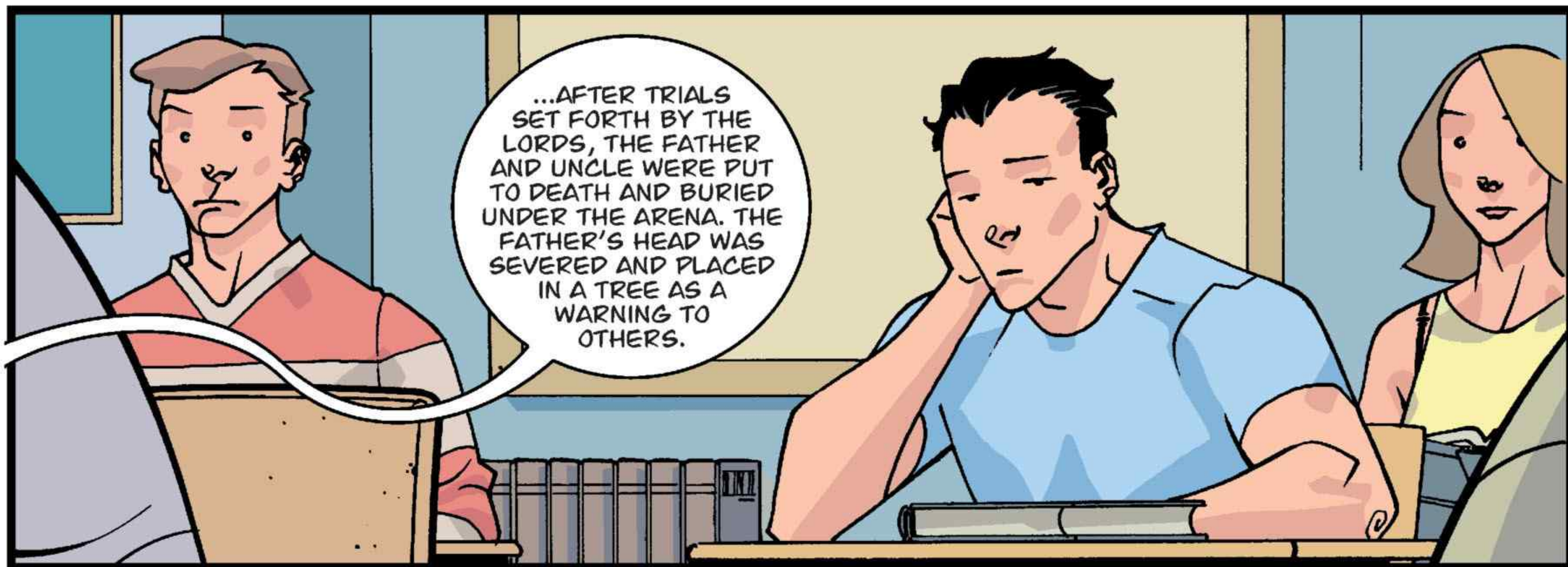
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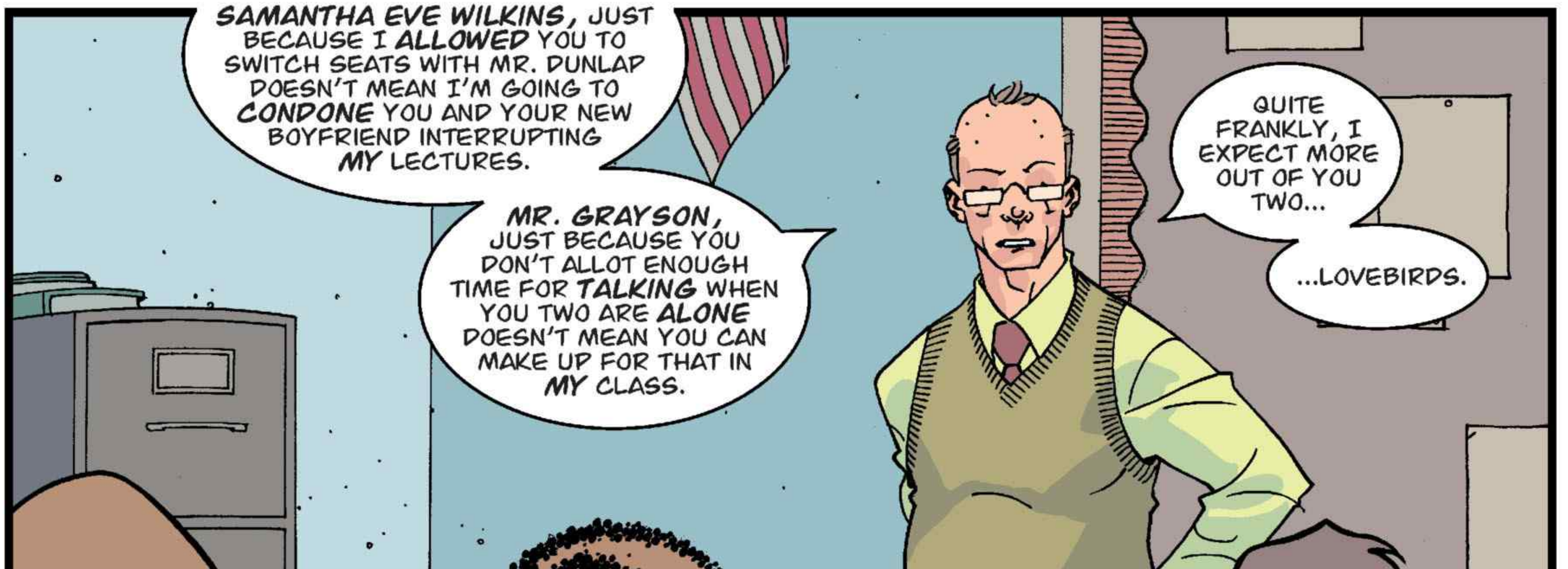
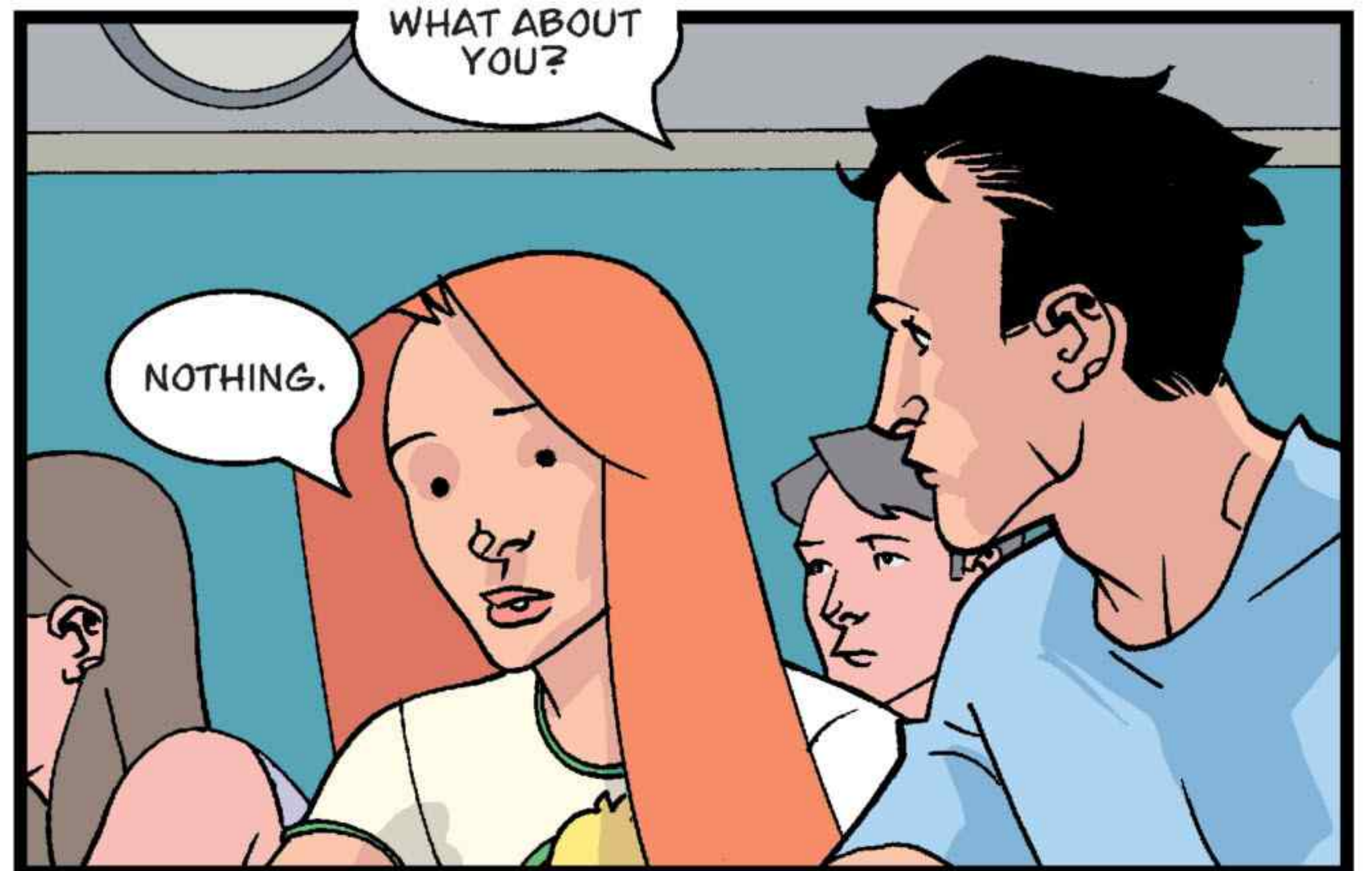
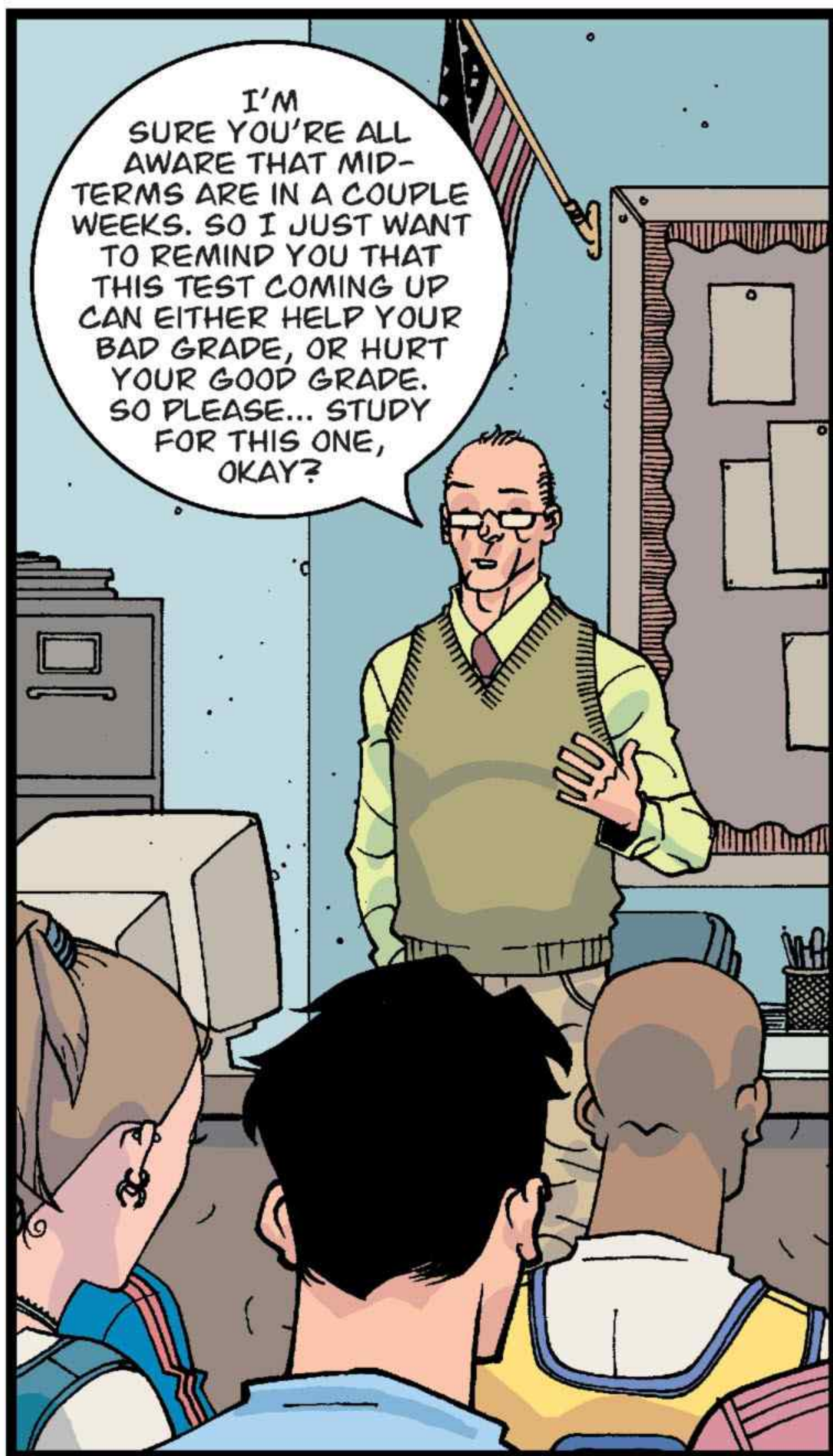
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EAT IT IT'S GOOD FOR YOU.



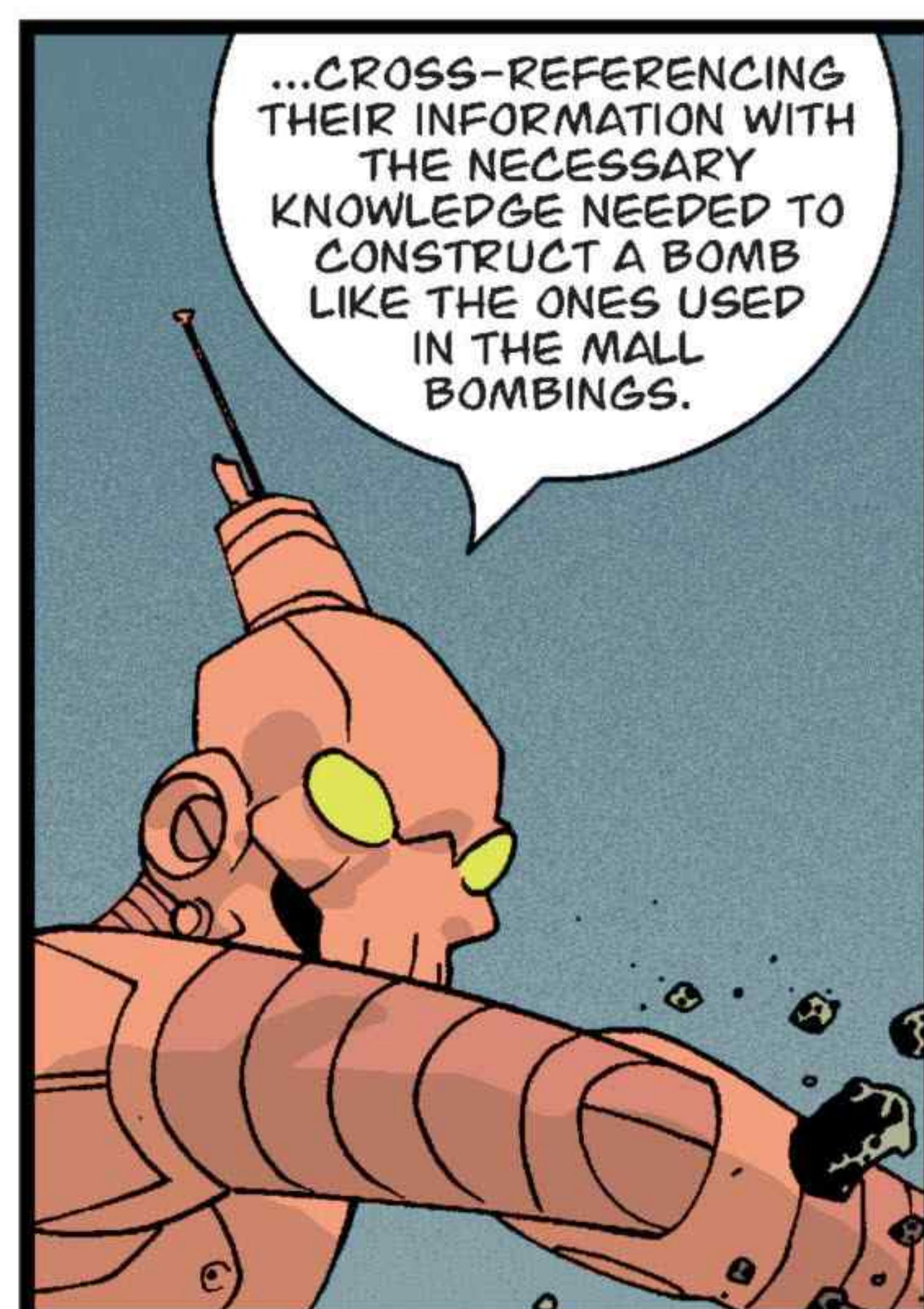
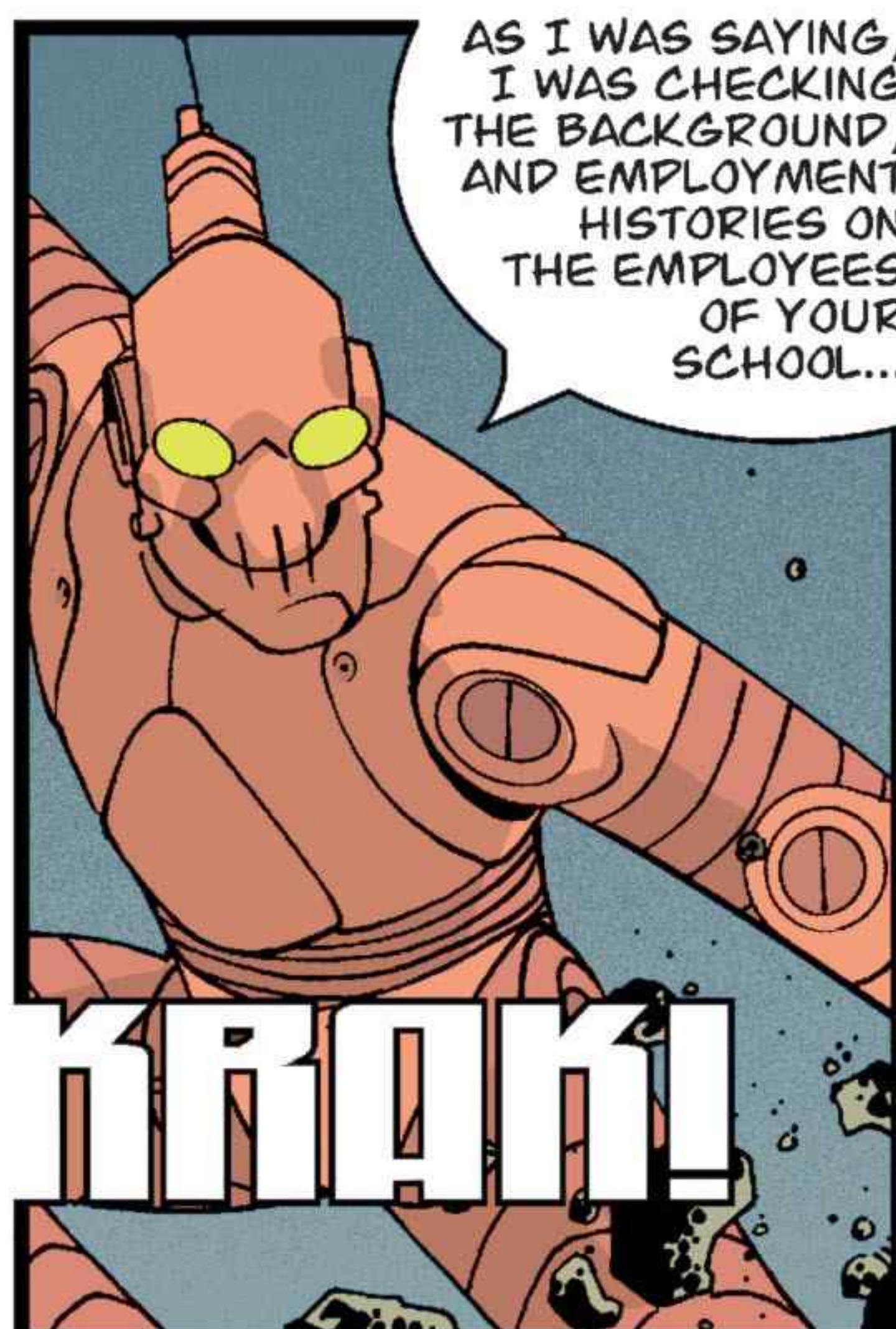
THAT'S THE PLAN... AND I'LL TRY TO KEEP MY EYES OPEN FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS UNTIL THEN.

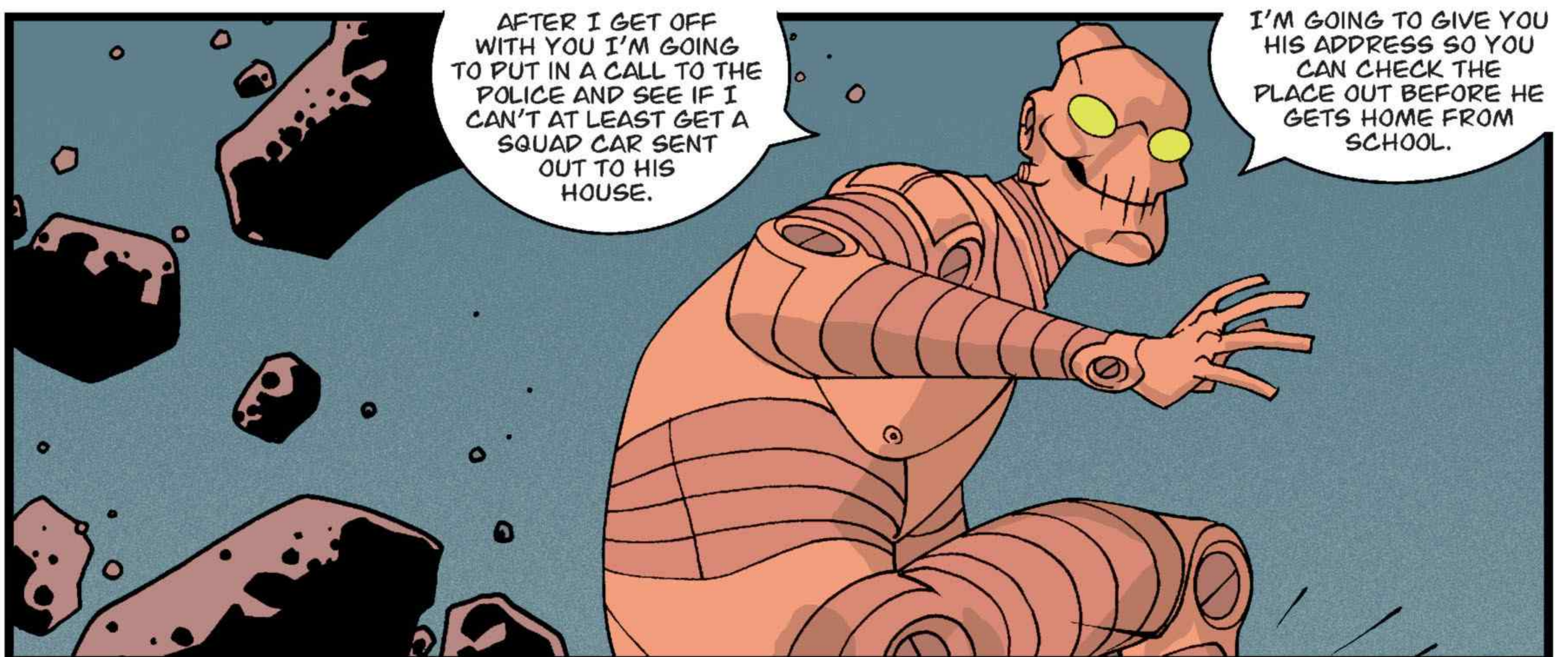
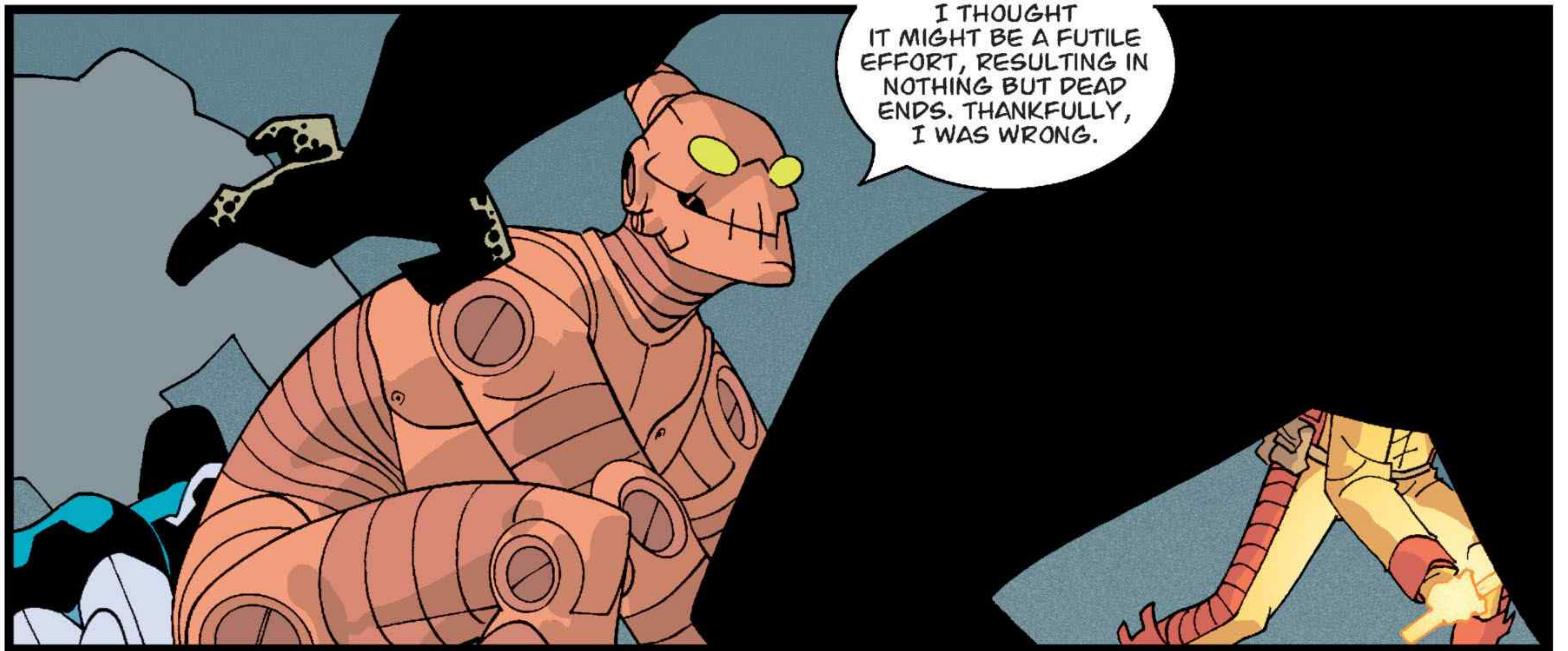




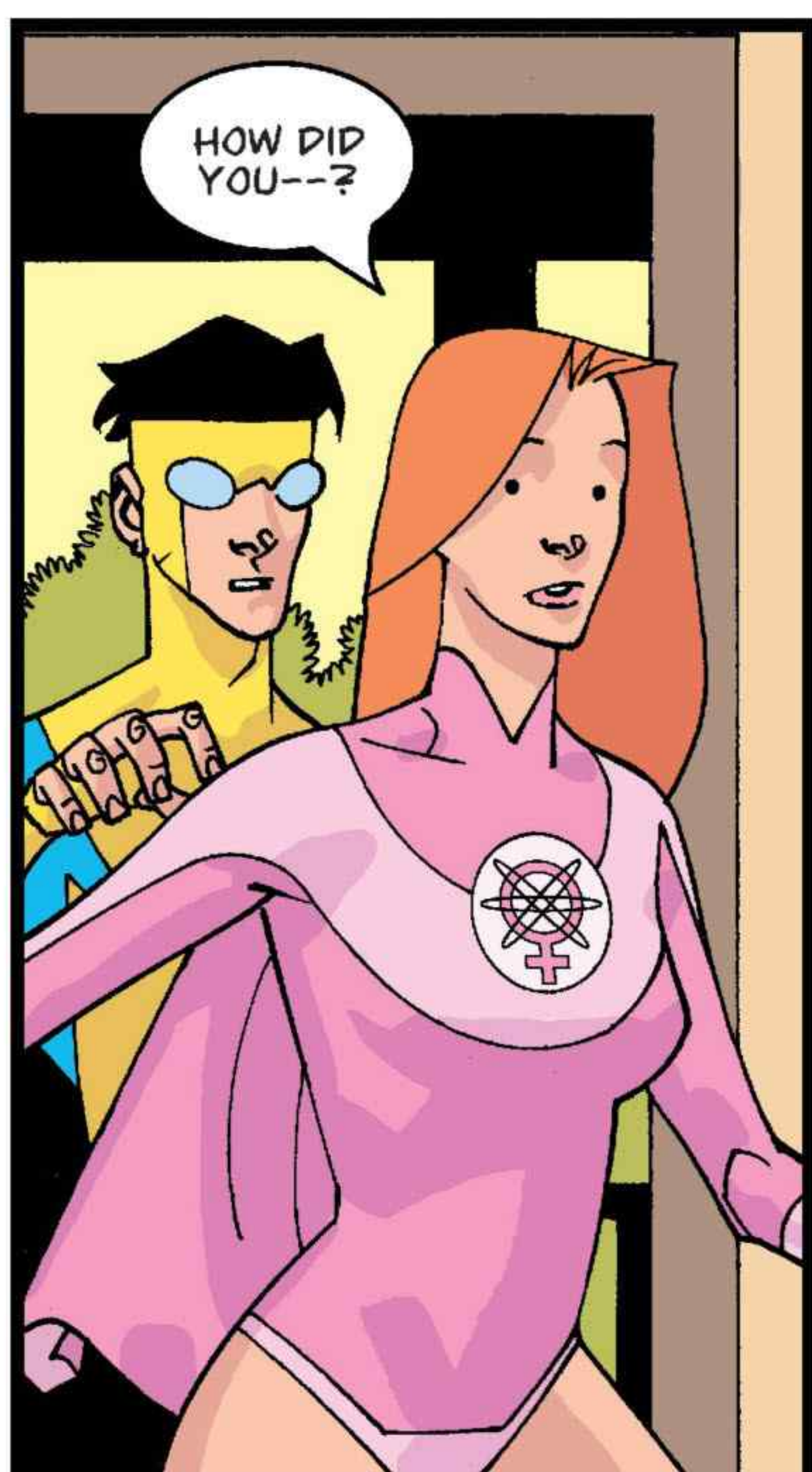
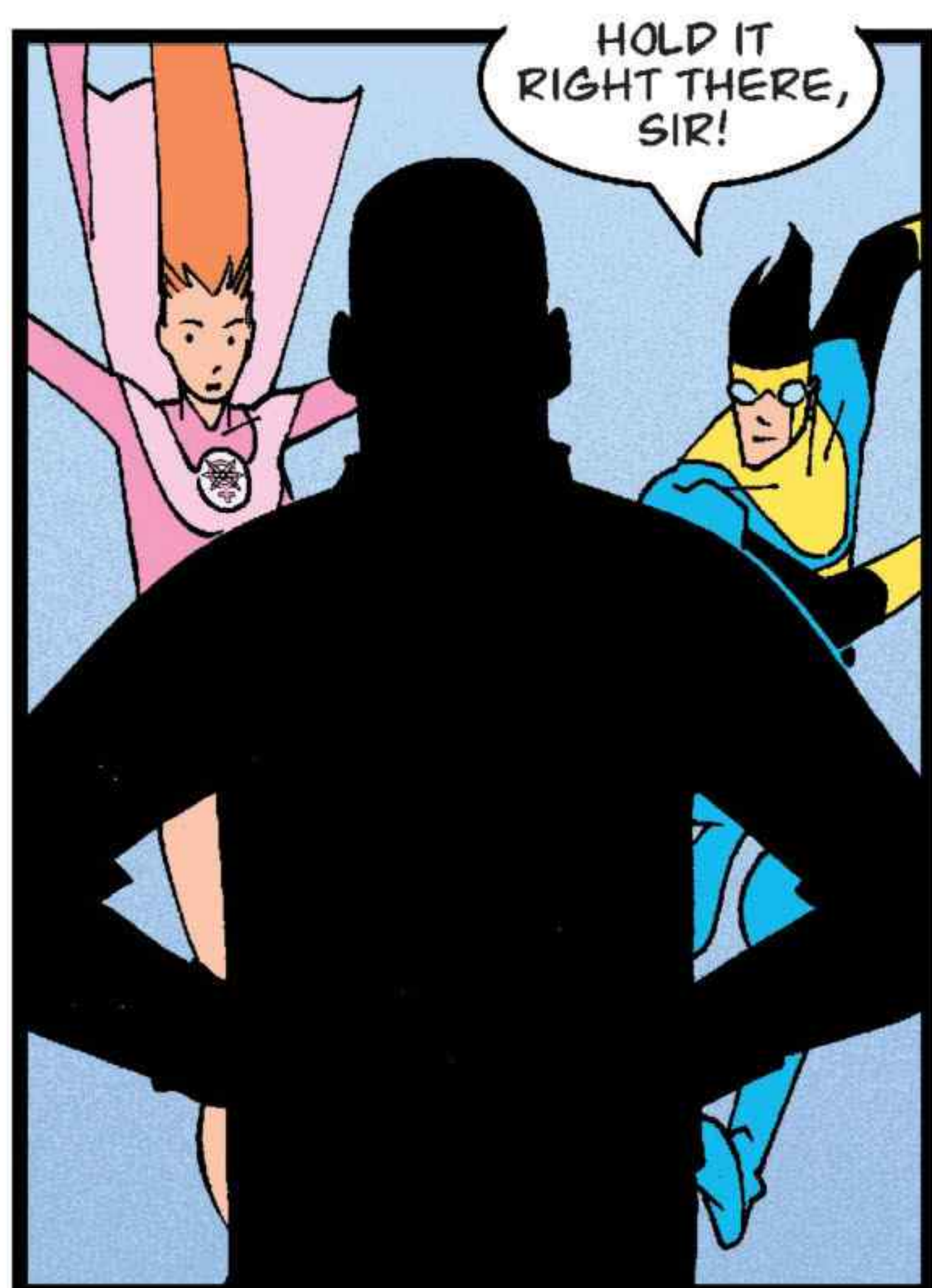
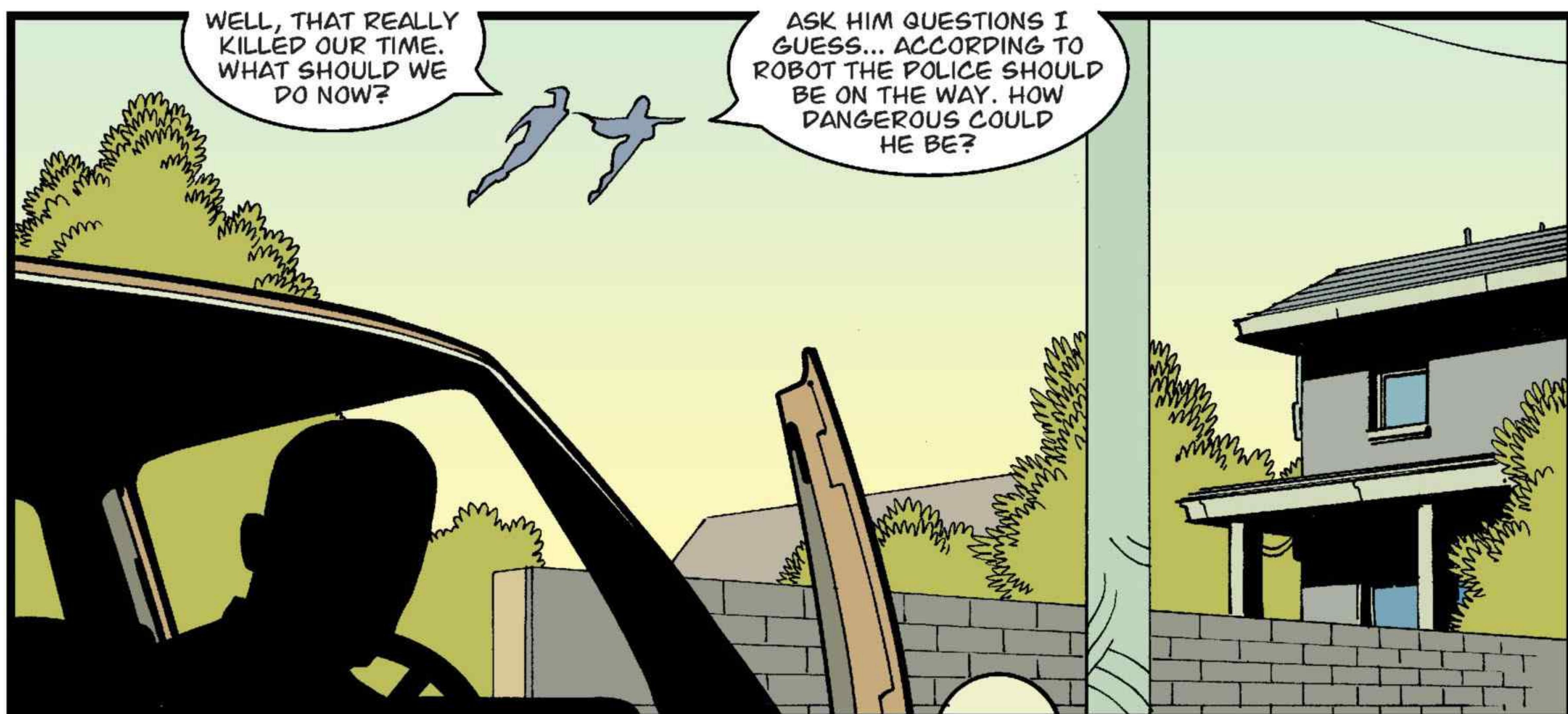


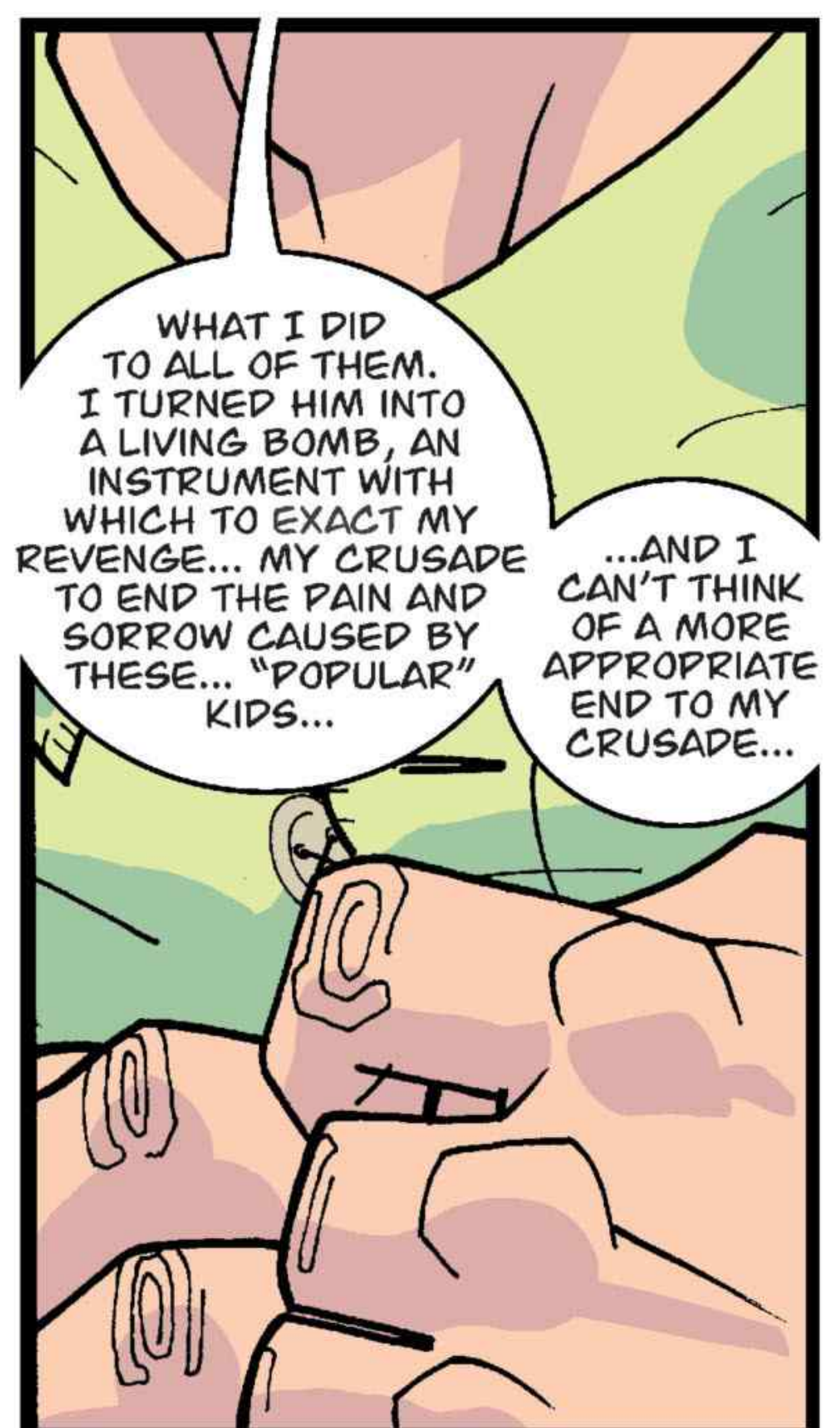
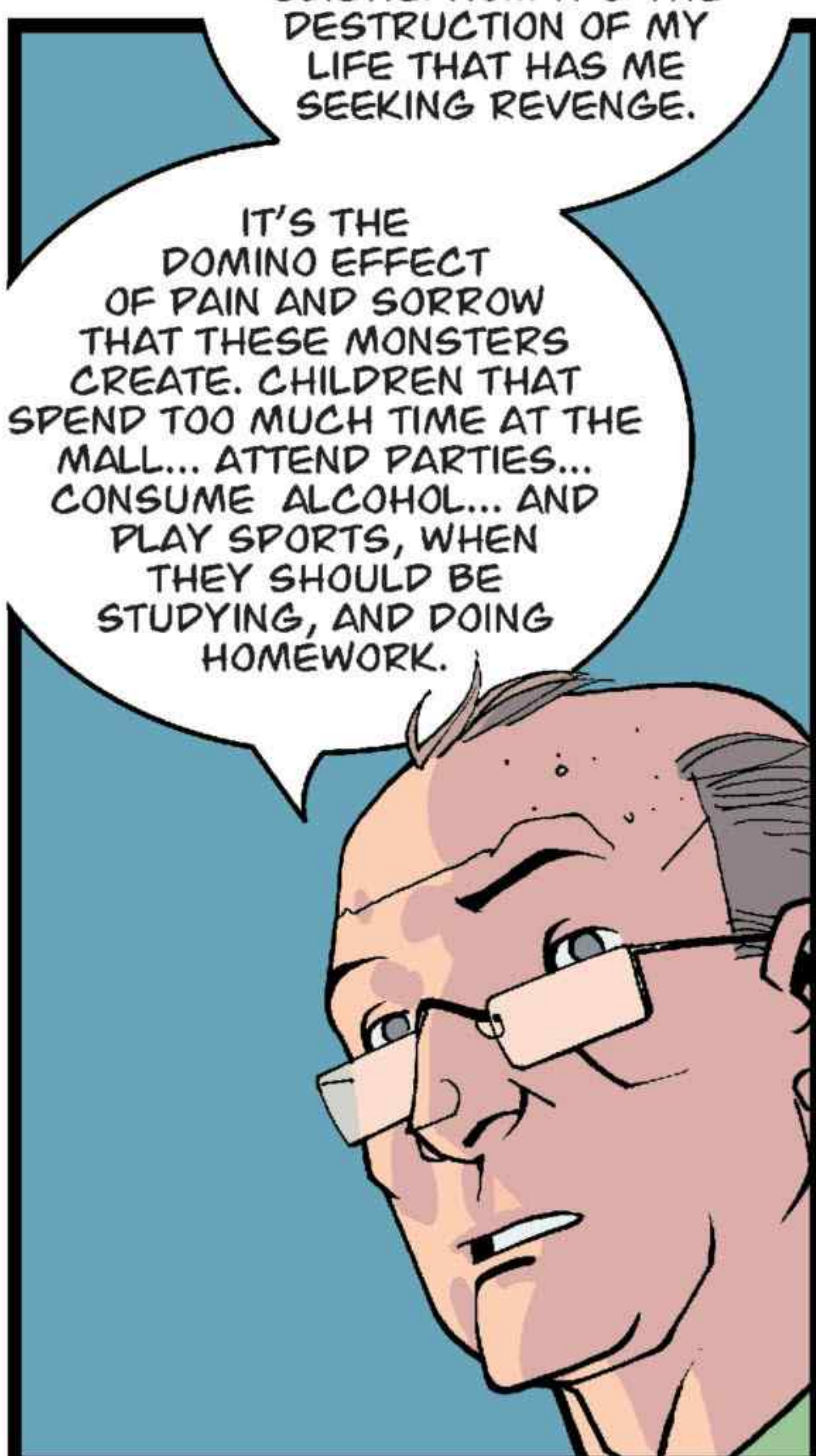
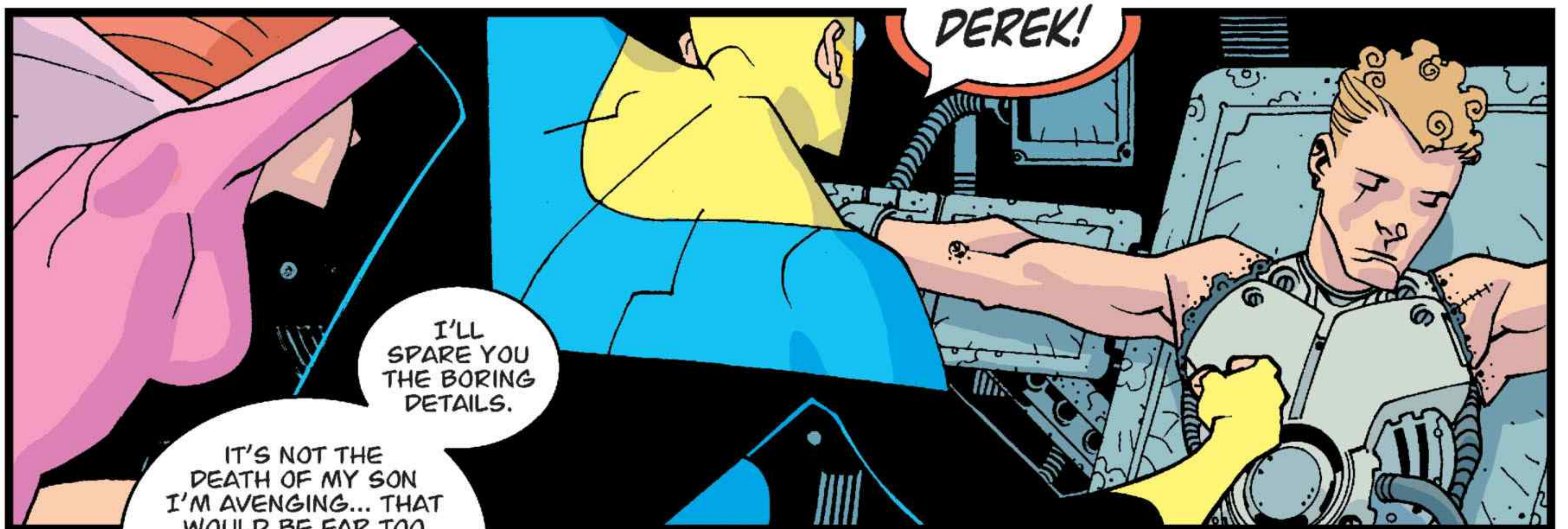
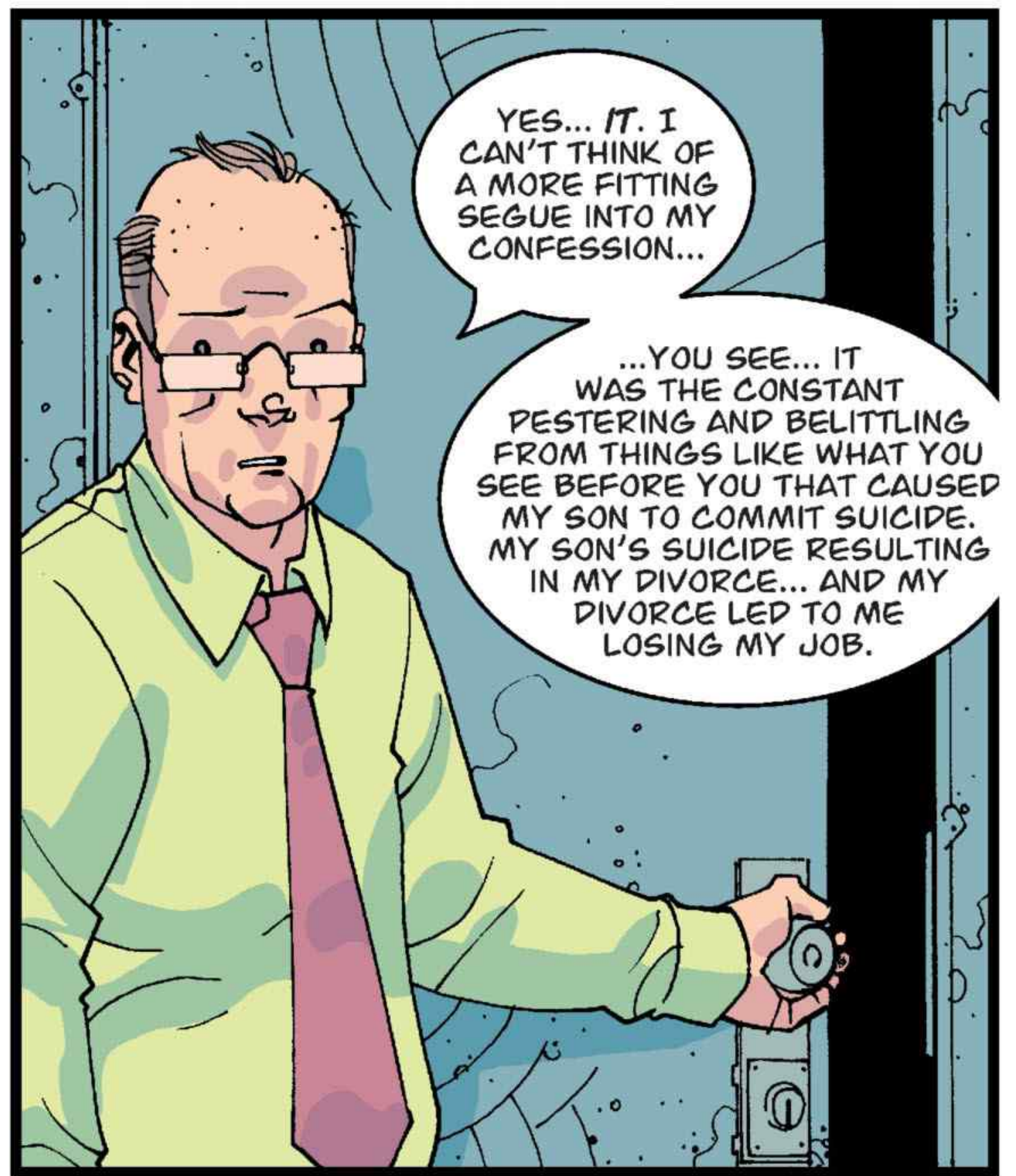




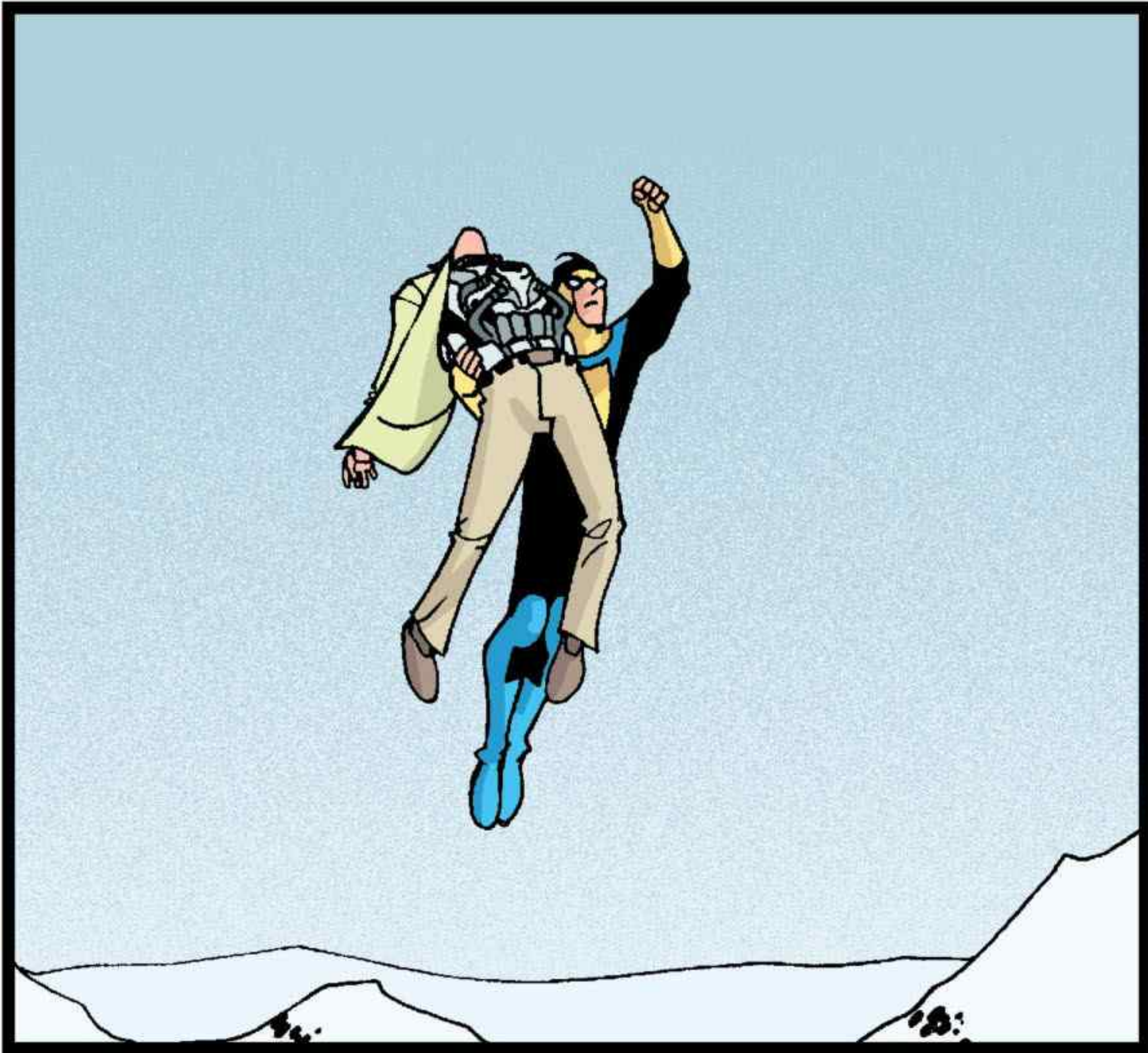


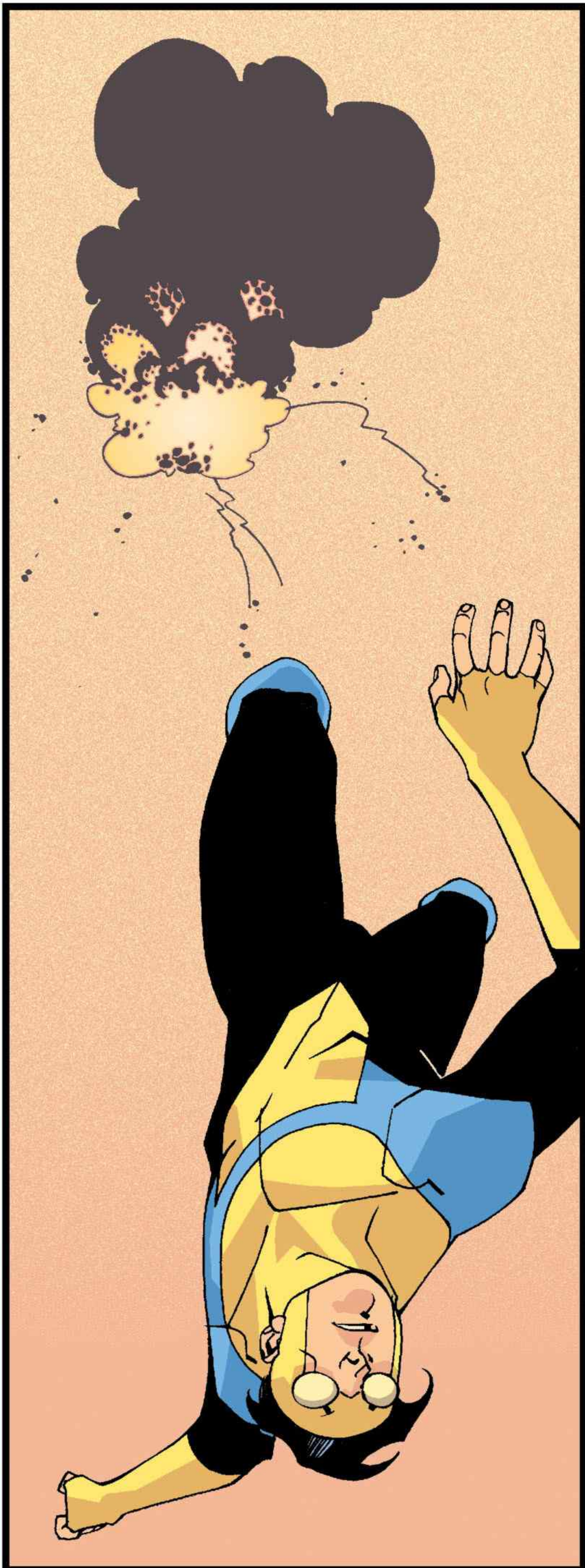
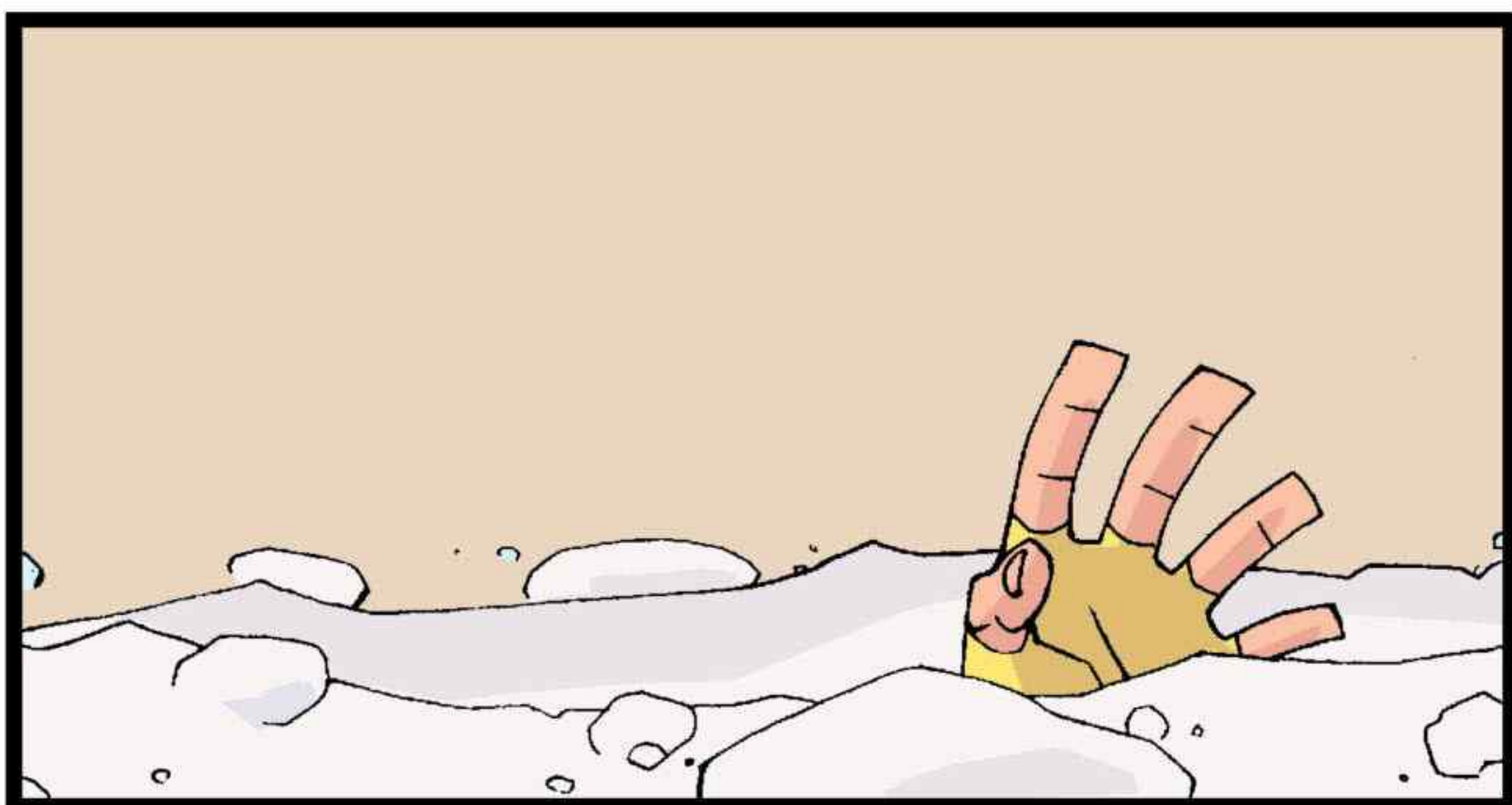
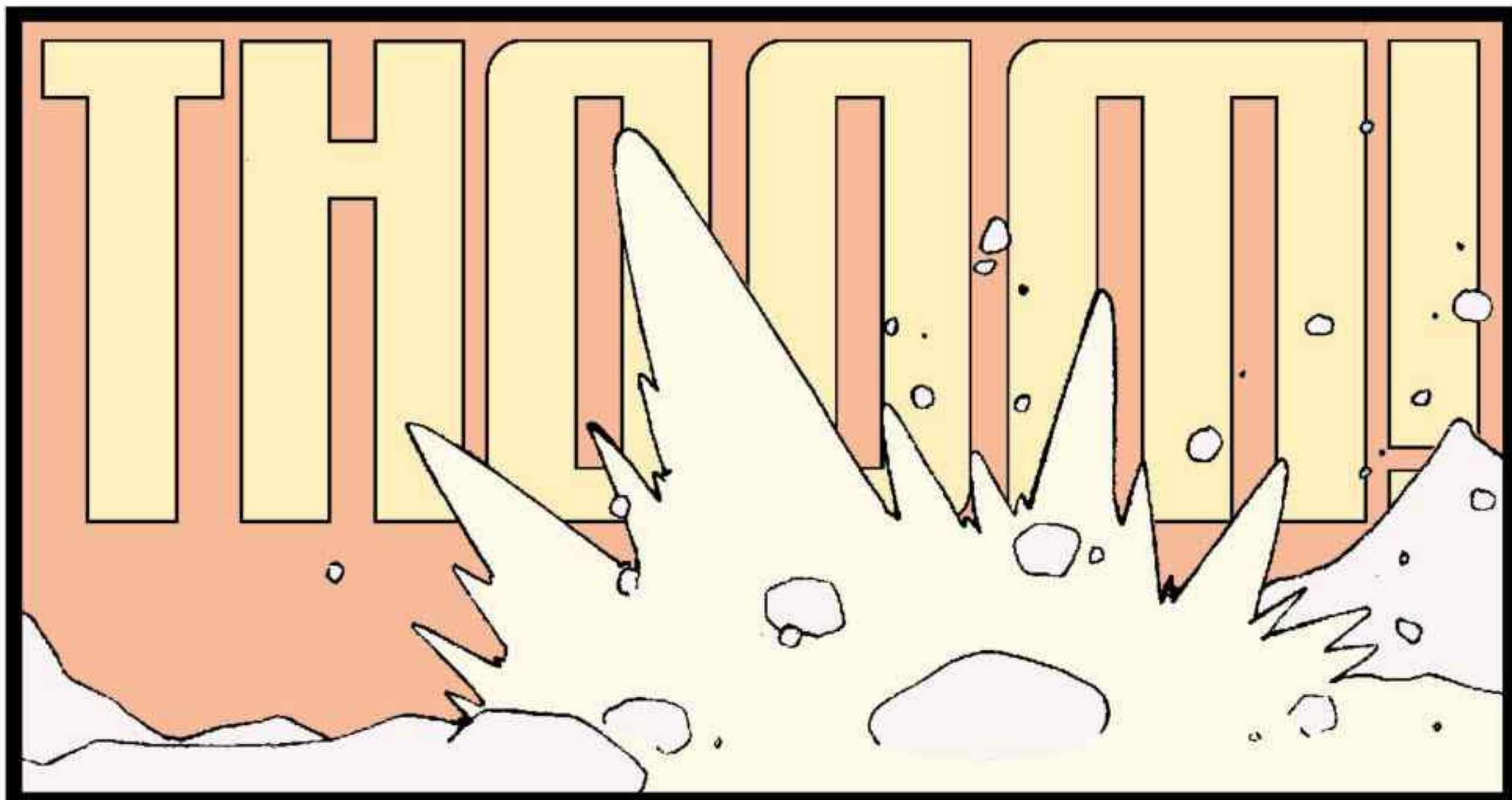


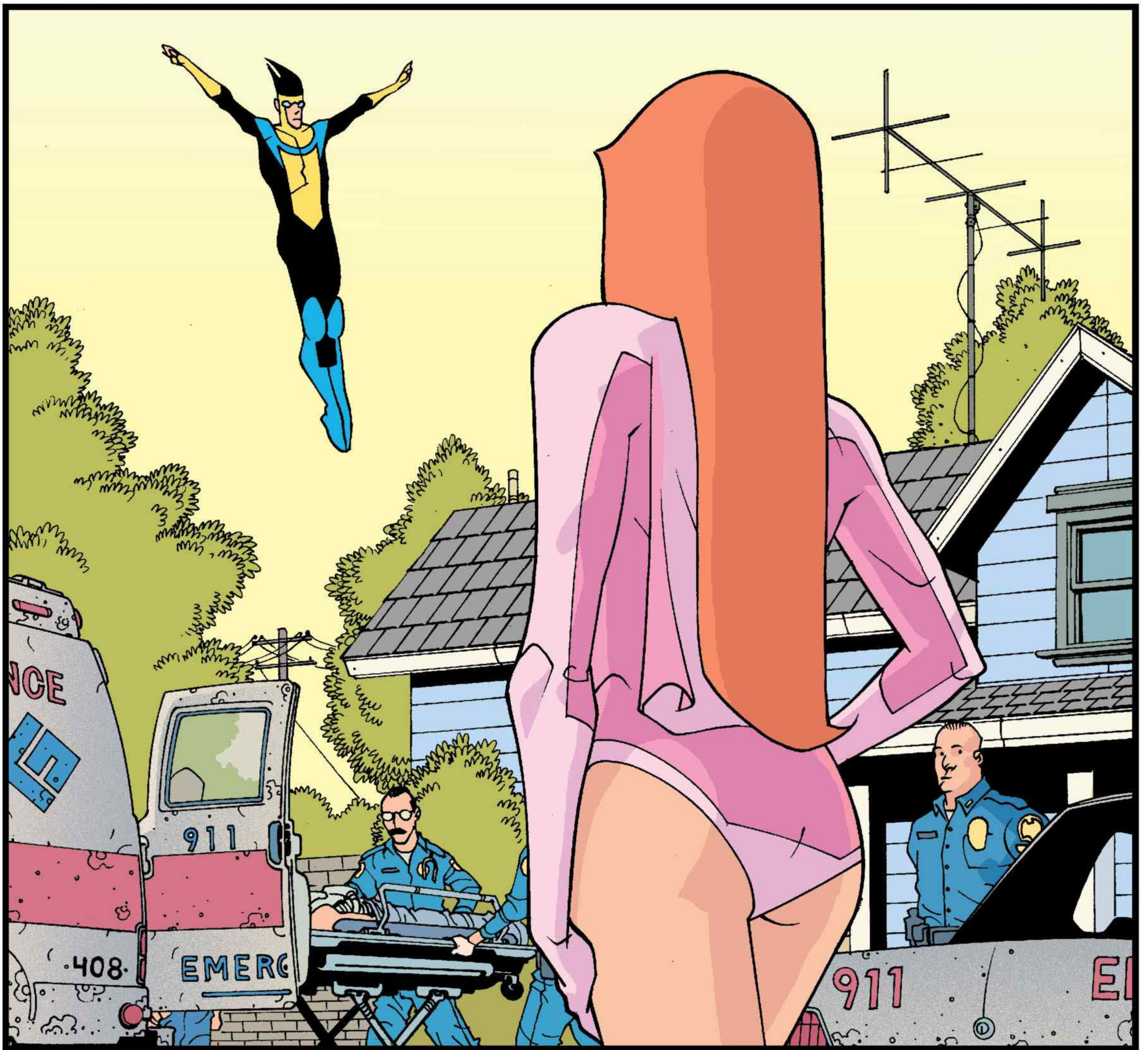


















I FOUND OUT ONE OF MY TEACHERS WAS TURNING MY CLASSMATES INTO ORGANIC **BOMBS** IN ORDER TO TAKE REVENGE ON KIDS HE FELT WERE **LIKE** THE ONES WHO LED HIS SON TO COMMIT **SUICIDE**. APPARENTLY HE TURNED **HIMSELF** INTO A BOMB ALSO, AND TRIED TO KILL ME AND A FRIEND OF MINE, BUT I FLEW HIM TO ANTARCTICA BEFORE HE BLEW UP SO THAT HE WOULDN'T HURT ANYONE.



I SPENT THE LAST **EIGHT** MONTHS ENSLAVED BY AN ARMY FROM AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION, ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS MUCH **LESS** TIME HAS PASSED HERE. ABOUT A WEEK AGO I LED A REVOLT AGAINST MY CAPTORS AND REGAINED CONTROL OF MY POWERS. TODAY, A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS FROM THE REBELLION FOUND A WAY TO GET ME HOME.



THAT'S NICE. WHO'S READY FOR DESSERT?

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Holy smokes!! Issue four already!! It seems like just yesterday I was sending issue one off to Image to be printed... I'll never get used to how fast these things go by once you get started on them. Oh well... at least a few of you seem to be enjoying this book. I as write this issues 1 and 2 are COMPLETELY sold out at Diamond and issue 3 is nearly gone as well. Due to this fantastic turn of events we'll have a TPB of issues 1-4 out in August. So if you're missing an issue or two... make sure you pick that up so you can be good and caught up by the time we get to the GOOD stuff.

If any of you out there REALLY enjoy my writing, I've got four one-shots coming out over the summer featuring the villains of Masters of the Universe (y'know, He-Man). I think they're pretty swell reads so you guys should seek them out. In a less toy related vein I've also got BRIT coming out in July with artist Tony (Battle Pope) Moore, so keep an eye out for that... as long as you're not squeamish... it's for mature readers only.

Now, onto some letters!

Invincible Guys,

I just picked up Invincible #2, read through it, and I think I'm sticking with it. I sense Mark's humorous side, which makes his character believable. I hate it when superheroes don't have a sense of humor.

It would have been funny to see Mark go through a bunch of different costumes before settling on one. You know, costumes that don't hold up during a fight or perhaps the villains could make fun of the colors he chose. No matter, I think his costume is awesome and the series is even better.

Thanks,
Ashur Givargis

I too enjoy superheroes with a humorous nature... hence the book, glad you like it too. It would have been nice to do a lot of different stuff with Mark's costume but I had an idea of where I needed to be by the time I got to the end of issue one and what I needed to do before I got there... and there just wasn't enough room.

Dear Invincible Team,
I just bout Issues 1 & 2 of Invincible and I have to say, WOW! This book is awesome. It shows that good superheroes are still good to come around in comics nowadays. The art is superb! I have to say that this book is #1 on my comics to buy list. Now on to a few questions:

- 1.) Are we going to see any crossovers anytime soon? Like Venture or SuperPatriot?
- 2.) Are we going to see more about Invincible's father origin?

Sincerely,
Dallas B Johnson

1. We plan on doing some crossovers in the future. Though nothing is in the works at the moment I wouldn't count either of those to out... I certainly LIKE both of them... and Cory and I have a history with SuperPatriot.

2. Eventually, we'll see more of his origin, yes... but not anytime soon, this is Mark's book, after all.

Hey Robert,

I've been reading your comics since St. Michael and the Battle Pope series. I've loved your work on all of them. Now, Invincible is toned down on the humor, but I understand that it has to be being at Image and all. But I think it really shows your work as a writer. I think Mark's character is fantastic. He has the "every other kid" attitude, then finds out he has super powers. How cool would that be?! I loved the Slayer shirt that one kid had on in class, very nice. You used Slayer in your Battle Pope book when the nerdy tenant was wearing it also, do you like Slayer? You might be too busy to respond and that's okay I understand. I just wanted to say great job!! I loved the idea of Viltrum. Keep up the good work and make a battle pope poster dammit!

-Sy Lehl

I think there's a time and a place for the kind of humor that was in Battle Pope and this book ISN'T it. I'm trying to accomplish something completely different with this book and it's good to see fans of that crude stuff are liking this book as well. I myself am not a very big fan of Slayer... but Cory Walker is, so that's how it made it's way onto that shirt. The Battle Pope appearance of the slayer shirt was probably just a coincidence, with THAT artist ALSO liking Slayer. I'm SURROUNDED by Slayer fans!

Hi Guys!
Invincible # 1 was sold-out everywhere here in Philly so I had to order it from your website. I just got it today so now...I can geek out....WOW!!! I wish that I had more to say, but I wanna read #'s 1 and 2 back to back and I don't wanna waste time talkin' to you guys!

-Warren Faison, Jr.

P.S. I hope that you realize that the \$2.95 that I'm paying for this book is coming outta my beer fund. It better stay just as good as it already is or get better!! :)

Well, looks to me like Philly is a place with good taste! I don't think you'll miss that beer one bit by the time you get to some of the stuff we've got planned. It only gets better from here, I promise!!

I have to say I really enjoyed this comic! Just one question: What's the obsession with "Family Matters?"

-Jill Katz

I have no idea what you're talking about.

That said, keep an eye out in August for "Invincible Volume 1: Family Matters" at a comic shop or bookstore near you!

ITEM!! Erik Larsen was gracious enough to do an ALL NEW pin-up JUST for this comic! Well... actually it's a page from Savage Dragon #107, guest starring Invincible (and Firebreather). There's a good chance that issue will be on sale around the same time as this one so I apologize if it's old news... but those of you who DON'T buy Dragon (shame on you) will still get to see this AWESOME page, featuring coloring by our own Bill Crabtree and lettering by the MASTER, John Workman.

ITEM! Tech Jacket's resident colorist Ron Riley is also supplying us with a pin-up this month, showing that his talents down stop at the crayon box. Check that thing out! Great job, Ron!

ITEM! Eric Stephenson and Terry Stevens are giving me the opportunity to unveil their new book NOWHERE MEN in the form of the pin-up appearing just a scant 3 pages from this one. I'm totally amped to read this book and you should too! I think they're planning on a November release date but nothing is set in stone yet. Rest assured, when it DOES come out, I'll be there, and I'll keep all of you informed if that date does change.

That's all she wrote folks! Be here next month to see Mark get into a big fight... IN SPACE!!

Until then.

-Robert Kirkman





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